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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Take the case of Indian labourers in F
Great injustice has been done to them by
Fiji Government; they have been deprived
of the aid and advice
their leaders, and thus they h
become so desperate that thousands have
plied to be sent back to India. Now t
the case is quite different. When the
settle down in Fiji, there is every possib
that those who remain in the island
have much better prospects before them t
those who return at this time. It sh
that the Indian labourers in Fiji had
courage to strike, clearly shows they h
will not get the same in their hom
Moreover, the Europeans in Fiji cannot
without the Indian labourers. But the p
in South Africa is quite different, w
while we should encourage those India
remain in Fiji, who wish, at the v
basis, to return on account of their depre
of heart, we should welcome the volunt
return of Natal labourers, who have mad

Then again, repatriation will weaken strength in B.E. Africa. It needs no planation from me that numbers numbers alone have counted in the struggle in B.E.A. and they will play the most important part in the struggle hereafter.

Sir, do you not think that repatriation may in the end prove to be the eleventh step towards ultimate exclusion of Indians? But it will then be too late either to repent or regret—Yours, etc.

N. N. ATRI

Girgaum, June 13.

at a meeting of the Deccan Libe

ABSOLUTE EQUALITY ABRO

3. The Liberal Party will endeavor to promote the rights of Indians and at home. Abroad, the aim will be to obtain absolute equality with British subjects of His Majesty, no matter what the government of this claim being tolerated or not in any Dominion, Colonies or Dependencies of the Empire. The Government is fully prepared to advocate reciprocity legislation whenever necessary. At the same time will be lost in pressing for

RETRENCHMENT.

ELEVATION OF MASSES.

7. The Liberal Party is of the opinion that legislation is a proper and legitimate remedy for social evils. The social laws and usages which impede progress have to be modified, and laws, which will be permissive whenever that form appropriate, must be enacted allowing

8. The earnest attention of the Library Party will be devoted in the future to what it has been in the past to the amelioration of the working classes and raising of the poor to the level of the middle class.

With the rapid expansion of industries, housing and other conditions in industrial centres are becoming intolerable. In all these directions improvement must be sought by the Liberal Party (legislation and otherwise). The Party must, while industrial development is proceeding, take steps to ensure that the cost of bad living conditions, Capitalism in its modern forms will be discouraged; Labour organised and educated; and unremitting efforts will be made to make the difference between Labour and Capital harmless on the basis of justice. At the same time, the Party will be at pains to ensure that the cost of co-operation will be brought within the reach of labourers, and will be set at their advantage and their relief.

12. Now all these reforms will require money, and even when all retrenchments and economy are practised, as they must be practised, by the Government reform additional taxation will become necessary. In the first place, the Liberal Party will try to secure for the provincial Government adequate and growing sources of revenue in the redistribution of the resources which is going to be effected between the Imperial and Provincial Governments. It will support the claim that the Government should have the right to take half, if not the whole, of the income tax. A large share should be provincialised. Secondly, if fresh or additional taxation has to be resorted to, the taxes should be so devised that they will fall chiefly upon the wealthy classes who are able to bear the burden.

13. This description of the Liberal Party's aims and methods is not meant to be an exhaustive statement of the activities to which its members will devote themselves in the new order. It must be taken to be illustrative of the policy and lines of work by which they will be generally guided. It would be a futile frame a precise and leading programme when everything is in the air, as it was when the new council, the wishes of the electorates or the future of the problem that may press for immediate treatment in the "House of India."

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CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

PROPOSALS FOR INCREASE.

TEMPORARY USE OF TOWN HALL FOR COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Municipal Corporation was held yesterday, Mr. V. A. Dabholkar, presiding when the Commissioner's letter informing the Municipality that a new foot over-bridge at Grand Road Station was going to be erected at the south of the present one was recorded. The Commissioner's proposals for increasing the water supply of the city were referred for report to the Water Supply Committee; the report to be submitted within three months.

The Corporation then considered the question of the use of the Town Hall for the holding of the Council meetings, and after a great deal of discussion it was decided to raise no objection to its use by Government for a year, provided it was made available for public purposes during that period. Mr. Mody's amendment asking Government to abandon the idea of its use was rejected by a majority. In the course of the discussion it came out that once the Town Hall was used for the Council meetings it could not be used for public meetings, owing to the erection of partitions, etc.

The Corporation considered a letter from the Commissioner informing them that the Agent, B. B. and C. I. Railway had sanctioned the construction of an additional foot over-bridge at the Grand Road Station, which would be placed to the south of the foot-bridge, and that the work would be completed as soon as the necessary steel work was secured.

On the motion of Dr. R. T. Nariman the letter was recorded and the Commissioner was asked to convey the thanks of the Corporation to the Agent. He said the question had been agitated in the Corporation since a long time, but to no avail. The lesson they had learnt from this was that they should never give up agitation.

NEW WATER SUPPLY.

On the motion of Dr. Sukhia the Commissioner's proposals for increasing the water supply of the city were referred to the Water Supply Committee. The financial liabilities would come to about four crores of rupees. It was stated by the Commissioner that—

The amount would be distributed approximately as follows:—

1st year	Rs. 50 lakhs.
2nd year	Rs. 75 lakhs.
3rd year	Rs. 75 lakhs.
4th year	Rs. 100 lakhs.
5th year	Rs. 100 lakhs.

From the time water works were introduced in the city to the present day there has never been any difficulty in recovering an adequate revenue to pay interest and sinking fund charges. Our existing revenue from Water Works has doubled within the last 15 years and is now some 3 1/4 lakhs of rupees per annum. The demand for water is far in excess of the supply and with the developments now pending in Bombay and its neighbourhood must increase enormously. To finance new borrowings to the extent of 4 crores of rupees we should require almost to double our income from water but I am of opinion that there will not be least difficulty in doing so.

I do not think that we need have any anxiety as to the capacity of our sewers to deal with the increased supply. The Corporation is now awaiting proposals from Mr. Watson for the remodelling of our drainage system and whether the scheme now under consideration or some other scheme is adopted there is no doubt that extensive additions to our sewers will be necessary in the early future and that they will be designed on a sufficiently liberal scale to cope with the increased water supply.

I have therefore the honour to make the following recommendations to the Corporation:—

(1) that the proposal for an immediate increase of our water supply from Tansa be approved.

(2) that the adoption of the gravitation system by means of pipes for the whole distance from Tansa to Ghatkoper be also approved.

(3) that the gravitation system should be designed so as to bring in the whole available remaining supply of Tansa i.e. 50 million gallons per day.

(4) that the method adopted should be subject to further expert advice, that suggested by the Hydraulic Engineer i.e. a double pipe line of 63" diameter in either steel or reinforced concrete or in the alternative a single steel main of 84" diameter.

(5) that tenders for the construction of such a pipe line in steel or in reinforced concrete should be invited by advertisements in India, Europe, Australia and America, and at the same time alternative tenders be invited for the construction of a single steel main both of 63" and 84" diameter, the contracts in each case to be completed within 3 years of the order to begin work.

(6) that the Corporation approve of tenders being invited immediately for the raising of the Tansa dam by 7 feet.

(7) that the Corporation should request the Standing Committee to approve under Section 91 (1) of my making an application to Government for the acquisition of the land necessary for the pipe line.

The report was to be submitted within the next three months.

TOWN HALL FOR COUNCIL.

The special meeting of the Corporation was then held to discuss the question of the use of the Town Hall by the Government for holding Legislative Council meetings, under the new Act. A requisition had been sent by four members of the Standing Committee to the President for the purpose. At the previous meeting the standing speeches had been made against the intended use of the Town Hall.

Dr. Sukhia raised a preliminary objection that the four members had no power to call for a special meeting. The President had to take the sense of the meeting whether a meeting should be called.

Mr. H. P. Mody said Dr. Sukhia's legal

disquisition was quite irrelevant; but if the President was afraid of Dr. Sukhia's going to the High Court then he might take the vote.

The President ruled Dr. Sukhia out of order.

Mr. H. P. Mody then moved:—That the Government be informed that the Corporation disapprove of proposed use of the Town Hall for the purpose of the Council Hall, as it constitutes a serious encroachment on the rights of the people and they urge the Government to abandon the idea.

DISAPPROVAL.

He said the Government has come forward with the proposals, without consulting the public, for utilising the Town Hall, and this proposal only came before the public officially during the last few days, whereas it was the talk of the town for the last few months. He did not think there were any differences of opinion as regards the use of the Town Hall. It had great traditions and the public had a right to the use of it, which right could not be parted away by the Government in any way they thought fit. The Government were likely to make use of the Town Hall for at least ten years and they had no business to make use of it for one hour. The Corporation had not been consulted and it was not for the Corporation to tell the Government that other buildings were available, but if they were asked they would be pleased to point them out to Government. The Government knew that they would require a bigger Council Hall and they had time enough to put up a temporary structure for its opening by the Prince of Wales; but when the Government found themselves in a hopeless predicament they came out with the proposal of the Town Hall. There were plenty of open spaces in the city where the Government could have most suitably located the Council Hall, if they had taken up the work in hand in time. One place was just opposite the Gateway of India, opposite the Yacht Club. It was also near the Taj Mahal Hotel and there was a very convenient place. Then there was the Museum and the open space in front of it. There were many other places where the Government could build a suitable building for the Council Hall. But the Corporation were primarily concerned with the disapproving of the use of the Town Hall, and they were not concerned with suggesting other sites because the Government had not consulted them.

Mr. P. J. Marzban seconded the proposal. The Hon. Mr. P. C. Sethna supporting said they must oppose the use of the Town Hall whether it was for a short period or long period. The location of the Council Hall was troubling not only the Government of Bombay, but also the Government of Bengal. The building of the Council Hall on the Oval was abandoned in deference to public opinion; the Government had the intention of using the Town Hall for the last two months so and with their experience of the Oval they should have consulted the public. The speaker then quoted the Bombay correspondent of "The Capital" regarding the intentions of the Government about the Town Hall, and referred to the remarks of the Governor at the last Council meeting. It was the intention of the Government to have a permanent Council Hall on the new reclamation, but that would take some four or five years, and Sir George Lloyd had then remarked in his speech that it was not possible for the Council to carry on business in the Town Hall. Mr. Sethna then referred to the Museum site which he thought was suitable for the purpose.

SEVEN PROPOSALS.

He then laid before the Corporation seven proposals which he thought would meet the purpose the Government had in view. They were as follows:—

1. Utilize the wing on the 1st floor of the Secretariat now occupied by the Accountant-General's Department. If the dividing wall is removed there will be available a room equal in size to the present Council room and the adjoining Committee room in the other wing. This room will be about 75 feet by 40 feet or about the same size as the Centre bay in the Town Hall and it will quite suffice for the enlarged Council. The other rooms in that wing might be used for reading rooms, retiring rooms, etc. The Accountant-General's Department be removed to another building or in a temporary structure to be erected in the Secretariat compound.
2. A temporary structure in the compound of the Prince of Wales' Museum.
3. A temporary structure on the vacant land adjoining Yacht Club Chambers at Apollo Bunder.
4. On the site known as the Mews next to the Telephone Building and behind the Chaplain's bungalow. This site belongs to Government and the P. W. D. materials stored there could easily be removed elsewhere.
5. A temporary structure on the plot between the Sailors' Home and the Apollo Bunder.
6. Acquire Sailors' Home which it is proposed to remove near the Docks. Until a new location is fixed for the Sailors' Home the Port Trust might be requested to loan their building in Nicol Road used at present for the Alexandra Hostel for a temporary Sailors' Home.
7. Acquire the Indo-British Institution in Hornby Road which would like to move out if Government paid them a certain sum of money.

The last two proposals are in respect of buildings which with some alterations may suit for a permanent habitation for the new Council. The Indo-British Institution has spare ground on which more Government buildings could be put up.

Dr. Sukhia then moved: That the Government be informed that the Corporation view with apprehension the possibility of the Government using the Town Hall for a period of 8 to 10 years, but they shall have no objection to Government utilising it temporarily during the holding of the sessions for a year.

Mr. B. S. Dhondy seconded.

COWASJI JEHangir HALL RULED OUT.

The Hon. Mr. C. V. Mehta asked them not to be influenced by the last letter the Government in the matter. The Government had appointed a committee and they were considering the matter, and so of the suggestions made by Mr. Sethna were already before the Committee. But the question was to have a building in time for its opening by the Prince of Wales. The Town Hall would not be available for the use of the public once it was used for the Council as they were going to put up partitions, etc. He wanted to tell them to them plainly. The Government had tried the Cowasji Jehangir Hall and it was ruled out. The new Cowasji Jehangir Hall had had acoustic properties and there was also the noise. The hall of the Prince of Wales' Museum had still to be tried by the Committee. The Committee were anxious that the Town Hall should not be used if the Museum were available. He suggested the postponement of the discussion until the Committee's decision was made available, but in the absence of any more suitable building he thought the Town Hall should be used. In the absence of a more suitable building the Corporation might say that the Town Hall might be used for one year. He accordingly moved an amendment: That with regard to the communication of Government for the use of the Town Hall, the Corporation desire to state in the absence of a more suitable place being found that they have no objection to the use of the Town Hall for a year.

"CO-OPERATION."

Mr. N. M. Dumasia seconded the amendment said when the Corporation and the public protested against the erection of the Council Hall on the Oval the Governor set them an example of co-operation by giving up the project, which showed respect for public opinion and which was commendable. It, therefore, behooved them to show a similar spirit of co-operation by meeting the Government half-way and allowing them the temporary use of the Town Hall as indicated in the above amendment. They must consider the proposal as practical and business men in a reasonable spirit and recognise the peculiar difficulty of the Government in finding a suitable site, instead of taking up a hostile attitude. They should meet Government in a spirit of helpful co-operation, so long as Government had no intention of encroaching upon public rights. If the Government had any idea of encroaching upon their rights by using the Town Hall for a number of years, then it would have been their duty to protest. But the Government had no such designs.

DR. R. T. NARIMAN SAID THE TOWN HALL WAS THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Dr. R. T. Nariman said the Town Hall was the property of the Government and nearly three-fourths of the cost had been contributed by them and only one-fourth came out of the pockets of the public. Mr. M. A. Haveliwala thought the proposition was premature and unnecessary, as the Government had given no definite decision in the matter. Dr. M. C. Javie objected to the use of the Town Hall even for a day. When the public had contributed even a single pie they were vitally interested in its use. The Corporation should simply protest against the use of the Town Hall, it was not their business to make suggestions to Government, as the latter had their own advisers.

Dr. Sukhia said the Chief Secretary had written that the Town Hall would be available to the public, although Mr. Mehta had contradicted it.

The President said at the last meeting of the Committee it was decided that the Town Hall could not be available to the public.

Dr. Sukhia suggested that Mr. Mehta should alter his amendment by adding the words "in the absence of a more suitable place being found", but it was not agreed to. Dr. Sukhia then moved: That the Government be informed that the Corporation view with apprehension the possibility of the Government using the Town Hall for a period of 8 to 10 years, but they shall have no objection to Government utilising it temporarily during the holding of the sessions for a year.

Mr. B. S. Dhondy seconded.

CONDITIONAL USE.

At Mr. Mirza's suggestion Mr. Mehta altered his amendment to the effect that with reference to their proposal Government be informed that the Corporation did not desire to raise any objection to the use of the Town Hall temporarily for one year only, if a more suitable building is not found, and that the Town Hall would be made available to the public when the Council was not sitting.

At this stage, closure was applied and Mr. Mody was allowed to reply to the debate.

GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

Mr. Mody still adhered to his statement that they were not called upon to make suggestions. As custodians of public interest the Corporation should protest against the use of the Town Hall by the Government. When Government were encroaching upon their rights, it was their duty to protest, against that encroachment. In this instance he told the Corporation of an incident that took place at the time of the Press Act. It was a most stringent measure and the members of the Council yielded to the Government request for urgency and they did not raise their voices in protest, and Mr. Gokhale was also won over. When Mr. Gokhale came down to Bombay and went to Sir Pherozeshah's chamber, the latter spoke very strongly against Mr. Gokhale's attitude. Sir Pherozeshah asked him why he supported the Government, and the latter told him that the Government placed before them hundreds of extracts from the papers and they could not help supporting. Sir Pherozeshah asked Mr. Gokhale whether he had asked Government as to the reason of the newspapers writing in that manner against them, and whether they had consulted the public before taking any objectionable measures.

DR. MASTER'S FAITH.

Continuing, said Mr. Mody it was not for the public to suggest any alternative

remedies. In the case of the Rowlett Act the same thing had happened. He thought Dr. Master had a touching faith in Government. But did he know that once Government took up an attitude and came to a conclusion nothing could move them. The Government objected to move a couple of departments from the Secretariat, but they had no objection to disallow the use of the Town Hall for a period of ten years. It was asked, what right had the Corporation to protest against the use of the Town Hall? What right, asked Mr. Mody, had the Corporation to protest against the use of the Oval? But they had objected. Even now they were not able to move the Government, and did they think that Government would move out of the Town Hall once they went there? The Government could very well use the Senate Hall for the purpose. It would take months to alter the Town Hall once it was used for a Council Hall.

Mr. Mehta's amendment was then put to vote and was passed.

The Corporation then adjourned to Thursday next.

SEAFARERS' STRIKE.

The strike of the Goan Seafarers continued till yesterday and the number of the strikers was increased by the addition of the 5 crews belonging to the s.s. Kalyan and the s.s. Himalaya which vessels were berthed in the harbour yesterday and the day before, respectively. In the morning about 800 strikers collected in front of the Portuguese Seafarers' Union to know if any settlement was arrived at between the Union and the employers and on knowing that there was nothing of the kind they dispersed. The strikers expect that the majority of the Goan Seamen, now afloat, will join them as soon as their respective boats arrive in Bombay.

The main question of dispute seems to be that most of the Goan Seafarers for a long time had been under the organization of an institute entitled the Goa Portuguese Seamen's Club. But of late, owing to some misunderstanding between the club-leaders of the aforesaid Club and the members thereof, a large section of the members discarded that club and started a new institution named, the Portuguese Seafarers' Union. And shortly after the initiation of this Union, its Secretary made a representation to the shipping broker asking him to recognise the Portuguese Seafarers' Union as the representative institute of the Goan Seamen and to that representation the shipping broker wrote the following reply on the 22nd of May, 1920:—

Bombay, 22nd May, 1920.

To The Secretary, Portuguese Seafarers' Union.

Sir,

For reasons which I have explained to your pleaders and representatives it has become necessary for me to supply crew to the s.s. "Narkunda" on the old plan. In future, all orders will be booked through your Union. Your representatives have assured me that they will be punctual in the execution of these orders. It is on the faith of these assurances that I have decided to change a system, which has served me well for so many years.

Yours truly,
M. R. CHICHGAR,
Sh. Broker,
P. & O. Co.

But notwithstanding this letter, the shipping broker recently, it is alleged, employed some men for the crews on board a few ships through the old institution, the Goa Portuguese Seamen's Club and hence this trouble. The shipping broker, however, does not seem to have refused to recognize the Portuguese Seafarers' Union. What is understood from the interview with several members of the Portuguese Seafarers' Union is that the shipping broker recognises both the Portuguese Seafarers' Union and the Goan Portuguese Seamen's Club as the two representative institutions of the Goan crews.

Further, it transpires that the men do not seem to have any grievance against the P. and O. Company who are the real employers. They object only to the shipping broker's change of arrangement and they look upon the shipping broker alone, to be their direct employer who supplies men to the P. and O. Company, under some contract.

GOAN SEAFARING MEN ON STRIKE.

To the Editor of "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I am directed by the Committee of the Goan Portuguese Seafarers' Union to request you to publish the following statement on behalf of the P. & O. Company, to contradict some of the statements that appeared in your Sunday's edition under the above captioned heading. What according to it appears to be a strike of the Goan seamen is in reality the unaccountable conduct of a few men who in pique, because they were unable to obtain the monopoly of supplying the saloon crew of the P. and O. Company have decided to "down tools."

The number of such discontented is a very small one and it is an idle bombast of threats to warn intending passengers of any likely inconveniences they may suffer owing to this so-called strike. There can be no question at all of inconvenience to anybody, since the P. and O. look to the Goan crew as a necessary part of their service and it is open for the latter to go to any Club for their supplies and failing Bombay, there is Calcutta and other places in India. My Committee has no concern with the so-called agreement entered into by the Shipping Broker. Whether it has legal force or not and is one which binds him down to it, is a question they do not consider. What according to it appears to be a strike of the Goan seamen is in reality the unaccountable conduct of a few men who in pique, because they were unable to obtain the monopoly of supplying the saloon crew of the P. and O. Company have decided to "down tools."

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HIGH COURT.

APPELLATE SIDE.

MURDER OF A WRESTLER.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Ananda Keshu and three others

vs.

The King-Emperor.

(Before Justices Sir Lallubhai Shah and Mr. Crump.)

This was an appeal against the decision of Mr. C. V. Vernon, Sessions Judge of Ahmednagar. In this case originally eight accused were tried for murder. Out of those four were acquitted by the Sessions Judge. Two were sentenced to death and the remaining were sentenced to transportation for life.

The facts of the case are briefly these:—One Tata and Patilbawa were brothers, separate in estate, but living in the same village of Malwadgaon. They owned separate shares in the same garden and were jointing the village. There were disputes between them at times. The deceased Dasarrath was the son-in-law of Tata and Tata being an old man and infirm, he was in his hands. This brought him into conflict with Patilbawa, who was a man of considerable personal force. Dasarrath was a strong and a wrestler. This brought him into conflict with Patilbawa, who was a man of considerable personal force. Dasarrath was a strong and a wrestler. This brought him into conflict with Patilbawa, who was a man of considerable personal force.

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THE DANGER AHEAD.

The Government of India cannot be complimented on the arguments put forward in the Finance Department communiqué which they issued yesterday regarding the sale of Reverse Bills. They learnedly talk of not dissociating the solution of the question from the policy adopted in regard to gold, but this is all mere camouflage as it is evident that the stress of circumstances has compelled them to depart from the absurd policy hitherto followed of fixing the Reverse Bills rate according to the New York cross rate. The rate is hereafter to be 1-11 19/32, which is much below the parity of the New York rate, and the adoption of this rate is tantamount to the admission that the policy hitherto followed of selling Reverse Bills at the parity of the cross rate was wrong. We welcome even this tardy admission that the policy heretofore followed was mistaken. We welcome this sign of a return to sanity in currency matters though the Government have taken four months to see their mistake, and it has cost the country eighty million rupees even on the basis of 2/ valuation for our sterling securities. Who will pay this loss? Another indication of a return to sanity is the removal of the restrictions on the import of gold. This step has been urged upon the Government by many important commercial bodies, both European and Indian, and its adoption will place our currency position on natural foundations. But why should the Government insist on the continuance of the restrictions on the export of silver? What good purpose does it serve? Evidently the advisers of the Government do not yet understand their much-belauded gold exchange standard system. For, if they did, they would have removed the restriction on the export of silver without any further delay. They admit that the present weakness of exchange was due to lack of support from the export market. They should, therefore, have understood that it was the export side of our trade that needed strengthening not the import side; and that India should be helped to export (sell) whatever commodities it had to sell including silver.

Again, Government seem to have only now awakened to the existence of illicit imports of sovereigns—and of dollars. They, therefore, declare that after 12th of July next they will not accept sovereigns as the equivalent of Rs. 15. We shall be glad to know how many millions of sovereigns have been tendered to Government at Rs. 15; it could not have been a large amount. We are favoured with the further intimation that a Bill prescribing the new ratio of Rs. 10 to the sovereign is to be introduced into the Legislative Council next September. We sincerely hope and trust every Indian member will consider it his duty to fight it tooth and nail. Perhaps the protest will not be of much avail. The public are aware of the ruthless manner in which the Rowlett Bill was forced through. The Government may similarly force this Bill through. But that, we trust, will not deter Indian members from showing unmistakably that India is resolved to undo the wrong that Government now contemplate as soon as it is in its power to do so. For the proposed change of India's standard unit is the greatest wrong the Government can inflict on this country. It will cut at the income of two hundred millions of the masses of this country and unless the mischief is arrested in time it will reduce them to pauperism, if not to the position of serfs. We earnestly appeal to the leaders

of the country to wake up to the importance of this question before it is too late. The agricultural population is the backbone of this country and the measure means ruin first to them and then, through them, inevitably to the country in general, as it is on the prosperity of the agricultural population that the prosperity of our trade and industry ultimately depends.

As for the Government they evidently do not yet seem to have been sufficiently warned by the result of past follies and by the loss of the enormous sum of eight crores, a sum that could have done incalculable good to the country if it had been spent on sanitation or education. We are told that the sales of Reverse Bills are to be continued. Why? Government have already thrown away £36 million at ruinous rates. What good has it done to the country? We challenge the Government to show how their muddling has benefited the country. We shall, of course, be told that the advantage is to accrue in the future in the 12½ crores of additional saving in the revenues, saving which is not inappropriately described as a "loot" of our producers' hard-earned moneys. But what we challenge the Government to show is the connection between this future benefit and the present dissipation of our sterling resources. Has the sale of Reverse Bills helped to stabilise exchange? Has it not most miserably failed? Has not the policy already cost us eight crores of rupees? Is not this currency lesson already costly enough? Will our Currency office "experts" never learn wisdom? They should by this time have realised the futility of the sales of Reverse Bills. They ought to see that their policy cannot be made effective until our exports revive and bring back the balance of our trade to the right side. Then, and then alone, will Reverse Bills supported by such exports maintain such rates as the Government may deem right. Until then, these sales are nothing less than a most criminal waste of our resources. The country must bestir itself and rise to the reality of the danger involved not only in the present currency policy of the Government but also in the action they propose to take in September—a danger that, besides depriving the people of the fruits of their present prosperity, spells their ultimate economic ruin.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

The "Sunday Express"—a paper controlled by Lord Rothermere and therefore, in close touch both with the War office and the Foreign Office—is responsible for the statement cabled by Reuters to-day that the Army Council has concluded the consideration of the Dyer case and that it has decided to exonerate him. Probably no event in the political annals of this country is likely to cause more consternation and disgust as the cold-blooded significance of this message if it proves to be true. But which of us shall say that he will be surprised or taken unawares, which of us except Montaguian satellites hovering like moths round their unimpeachable god? The exonerations indulged in by the Viceroy were echoed by the Secretary of State and re-echoed by the British Press; and the verdict of the Army Council will be nothing but the finish of a game of make-believe. The Viceroy scolded General Dyer; the Secretary of State shuddered at his inhumanity and the Army Council will have acquitted him of all responsibility. It will only remain to convict the victims of Jallianwalla Bagh of inhumanity in causing such a humane general the trouble to fire at sight, and to bestow upon him a well-merited V. C. for his brave deeds on the battlefields of Amritsar in order to convince the people of India of their folly in not knowing what is good for them.

But let us not forget in our anger the full meaning of the Army Council's verdict. From Counsel's notes taken during the Amritsar Conspiracy trial it appears that Gurbakh Rai, accused No. 10, proposed a resolution on the fateful day at Jallianwalla Bagh in the following terms: That this meeting, while placing on record its emphatic and unequalled condemnation of the detestable outrages and deeds of violence which occurred as an inevitable consequence of unjust and uncivil action of the Government in shooting loyal and peaceful citizens, expresses its alarm at the likelihood of such action resulting in far-reaching consequence of grave character calculated to cause grave injury to the interest of the British Empire.

And upon this Pandit Mohanlal Nehru has cabled to Mr. Patel to give "wide publicity to the fact, now ascertained beyond doubt and borne out by approved evidence in Amritsar conspiracy trial, that people, assembled in

Jallianwalla Bagh on 13th April, had unanimously passed resolution condemning mob-outrages of 10th April, just before Dyer arrived and opened fire on them."

It is the exploit of a British General who fired until his cartridge-bands were empty into this crowd assembled to condemn all violence—a crowd which offered no resistance, a crowd which confessed could have been dispersed without firing a single shot—that the Army Council, if the report is true, washes of all blame and justifies in every particular.

Its verdict places a premium on murder. Is then the life and limb of no Indian safe now from the insane butchering proclivities of any subaltern? Nor is this all. The faith and confidence of no Indian can be commanded any longer in our future dealings with those whose attitude is that of the members of the Army Council. And now the question arises if General Dyer is not to blame, if the Viceroy commands Mr. Montagu's perfect confidence, if Sir Michael O'Dwyer is a great and successful statesman, which of the persons responsible for the dark deeds committed in the Punjab is to be called to justice; which of them is to bear the burden of the cruel wrongs which we share with outraged Belgium or terrorised Putumayo in the final reckoning when the curtain falls on this tragedy? Let the people of India speak out in unmistakable terms. If this is British justice then we shall have none of it. If this is fair dealing, then we must make the world ring with the horrors of our wrong. We venture to think that this cannot be the end of the Punjab story. When statesmen forget their high calling the people must remain vigilant and defend their rights. When brutality is condoned without blush, the outraged voice of humanity must rise up and drown the blatant pleas of Prussianised Generals.

THE VICIOUS CIRCLE IN IRELAND.

The failure of the negotiations between the British and Irish railwaymen's executives and the Government regarding the new situation that has arisen in Ireland and the latter's threat to close the Irish railways in case the railwaymen refuse to handle munitions, and thus to paralyse the whole traffic of Ireland, does not bode good for the pacific settlement of the issue that is now confronting both the Government and Laour in that unhappy island. Mr. Lloyd George talks of the Government's readiness "to do everything to avoid provocation" but if the threat to close the railways is not provocation it is difficult to understand what constitutes provocation. That the Ministers, in the absurd position they have created for themselves regarding the Irish question, do not know what they talk about, is to be seen further in the amazing claim of Mr. Bonar Law that "there was no coercion of opinion in Ireland, only coercion of crime!" But what Coalition Minister has ever acknowledged that there is any "opinion" in Ireland, which is apart from, and not, crime,—as crime is understood at Dublin Castle and Whitehall? The Premier must evidently have been talking with the tongue in his cheek when he spoke of "the democratic Government in Ireland." The war was fought, we have been told by President Wilson, to make the world safe for democracy. If the high-priests of this new democracy are men of the type of Messrs. Lloyd George and Bonar Law, then mankind, perhaps, will have in store for it another war to make the world safe from this democracy.

The arguments the Premier has advanced in refusing the railwaymen's demands are hardly convincing. There is no point at all in the analogy he has drawn between Ireland and the Southern States of America. The Premier would have shown greater regard for history, if for the analogy he had recalled the American secession. The Southern States formed an integral portion of the American confederation and it is not difficult to appreciate Lincoln's anxiety and determination to resist the break-up of the confederation. And what, moreover, were the sentiments that inspired the Southern States? They were mainly the sordid ones of upholding Negro slavery and like evils. On the other hand, the Irish people are struggling for self-determination and self-government on almost the same lines as those followed by the American colonies. The Premier, aware as he must have been of the close analogy between the Irish situation and that which led to the war of secession, chooses—for obvious reasons—to ignore it and proceeds to draw another which is less real and less convincing. The one supreme fact, which no British statesman will dare deny, is that the Irish people have never been reconciled to the Union and have continued to look

upon it ever since it was formed, as a forced bond. If Irishmen are bent upon remaining apart from this Union, no weapon save that of force will avail in maintaining the bond. Mr. Lloyd George declares that the Government—by which he can only mean the Coalition Government—would be prepared like Lincoln to face millions of casualties and years of war, for the preservation of the Union—that is to say, for the coercion of the Irish nation into remaining within the fold of the Union against their will! And this from a statesman who had recently declared at Marseilles, "I look upon myself as a champion of the liberties of the world and I view all questions from this standpoint!" Mr. Lloyd George, we are afraid, presumes too much when he hopes that the nation will back his Government for ever in their policy of coercion in Ireland. Both the Labour and Independent Liberal parties have repudiated the present Irish policy and the Trade Union Congress which will meet shortly will also make it clear that the nation is in no mood to countenance any policy of ruthless suppression of Irish aspirations. The only remedy that will avail, in the peculiar circumstances of the Irish case, is conciliation and unless that is forthcoming, we fail to see how there can be any speedy or pacific settlement of the question. The Coalition Ministry has shown itself to be constitutionally incapable of acting in such a conciliatory spirit and hence, unless that Ministry gives place to a genuinely liberal one, there will be no escape for Ireland from the vicious circle of repression and crime and more crime and more repression.

Notes of the Day.

Profession and Practice.

Mr. Lloyd George in the course of his cat-hism to the deputation of the League to Atolish War is reported to have remarked that any attempt to force the pace would destroy the League. The Premier might have illustrated the truth better by saying that any attempt to tear off the shroud covering the corpse of the League would destroy all hopes of beguiling the world with the sham. As has been rightly said by a critic, the League was born in injustice and its sponsors, the Lloyd Georges, Curzons, Clemences, Poincares and Orlando, have raised no opportunity of emasculating and riddling it through and through with their secret understandings. Most people will agree with Mr. Lloyd George—but for different reasons—when he says that the organisation of an international police would prove quite impracticable in the present circumstances. Mr. Balfour in more candid terms asked where such a force would be located. The present code of international morality recognises only the offences of small nations, for the simple reason that the "Big Sticks" constitute the tribunal of justice. Who will undertake to sit on judgment over and punish these "Big Sticks," should it be deemed proper? So long, therefore, the so-called League of Nations, remains a mockery, and exists simply for the aggrandisement of the self-constituted judges, no question of an international police need arise at all. The twenty or thirty odd wars, which are going on at present, will pursue their natural course till exhaustion overtakes the nations concerned directly and indirectly, and humanity, which does not yet appear to have appraised correctly the capacity of statesmen to work for mischief, learns to distrust more deeply secret diplomacy and the public utterances of statesmen in authority.

The German Cabinet.

It is announced from Berlin that Herr Fehrenbach has practically completed his Cabinet with the aid of the Catholic Centre Party, the National People Party and the Democrats. The National People's Party "covers the party of the most wealthy and powerful, industrial Syndicates", as Herr Bernstein puts it, and the complexion of the Government, in the process of formation by Fehrenbach, is, therefore, decidedly reactionary. The balance of parties is likely to prove very unstable with the result that the world may witness new developments in German domestic politics, clashes between the Monarchists and the Independents while the Communist fly the red flag of Bolshevism. The Kaiser, on the one hand, and Lenin, on the other, seem to have replaced the older gods in the hierarchy of German politics.

An Unscrupulous Attack.

Parliamentary benches of Sir Michael O'Dwyer sought to impeach the impartiality of the Indian members of the Hunter Committee on the ground that one of them in 1918 had offered to withdraw a statement he had made in the Legislative Council in 1917 alleging that thousands had

been "designed without trial by Sir M. O'Dwyer. Apart from the question whether the offer to withdraw an incorrect statement does not constitute by itself an additional testimony to the uprightness of the individual making it, the information elicited by a recent question in Parliament goes to show that if at all the worthy Pandit was guilty of an "offence" it was only of a slight and unconscious exaggeration of facts, which could not be easily ascertained, but about the truth of which, as events that had happened there show, could be no doubt whatever. Being asked by Mr. Cape, M.P., as to how many persons were interned during Sir Michael's administration, Mr. Montagu declared on May 13th that the movements of 145 persons had been restricted under the Defence of India Act in the Punjab and that 407 more had been interned in jail and 1,621 restricted to their own villages under the Ingress into India Ordinance. Strictly speaking, therefore, only 400 were actually interned in jail, but if the persons whose movements were "restricted"—and we know what such "restriction" means—are also included among the victims interned, the total number would exceed 2,000. In these circumstances, if there was any exaggeration at all in the Pandit's declaration, it was merely technical. May we ask in this connection whether any one in authority at Lahore or Delhi sought to induce Mr. Thompson, Sir Michael's trusted lieutenant, to withdraw or apologise for the deliberate understatement and other attempts to screen the truth about the carnage at Jallianwalla Bagh?

Finland and Russia.

Sanity is returning to the Border States of Eastern Europe and while Poland wages war, Finland makes peace with Russia. As is well-known Finland broke away from Soviet Russia after the suppression of the Bolshevik regime by the German General Mannerheim, accompanied by the terrible atrocities known as the White Terror. It was known that large numbers of German Baltic Barons, dispossessed of their lands, had fled to Finland to live under the benevolent protection of their countryman, who was acting as an absolute dictator. In those days, intervention in Russia was in the forefront of the Cabinet's programme and in spite of certain mainly protests in the House of Commons, "the independence of Finland was recognised", in order that the interventionists might have in that country a potential ally in the hour of need. The whirligig of time brought with it an election last year and Mannerheim was ignominiously defeated at the polls. His successor has now made a wise choice in entering into parleys with the Soviet Government at Dorpat.

Reform in Burma.

The composition of the "expanded" Legislative Council of Burma, to which the sanction of the Secretary of State has been obtained, will hardly satisfy Burmese aspirations, though it is given out that the scheme is only an *ad interim* one. However the fact may be camouflaged, it is obvious there is a clear official majority in the Council. It is stated that the Council will consist of 12 officials, 9 representatives of the Burmese population, 3 representatives of the Indian and Chinese communities, 2 representatives of "other interests", 2 "experts" and 2 "elected members." Even if the representatives of "other interests" are included among non-officials, the balance of the official and non-official elements will be in the proportion of 16 against 14, as the two "experts" and two "elected members", who will very probably be Europeans, will be included among the invariably pro-official members. The Burmese themselves, who form the vast majority of the population, will be only 9 in a body of 30. The utter inadequacy of this representation is obvious on the face of it. The Burmese and Indians must continue the fight resolutely to secure the introduction of a truly democratic scheme at the earliest possible occasion.

Hungarian Terror.

An instructive statement appeared recently concerning the activities of the White Guards in Hungary after the collapse of the Bolshevik Government. Wholesale terror, massacre on a large scale, flogging and scarring swept the land under the military dictatorship. There were "26 instances of Radicals who were arrested only to be brutally beaten and forthwith released." One man was arrested because he was reported to be a member of a Trade Union as were certain prominent gentlemen in the Punjab who happened to be members of a certain association. It was enough that they were suspect. Many victims showed their scars as souvenirs. Now it is interesting to remember that the Allies in their virtuous indignation refused to parley with the Hungarian Communist Government on the fictitious plea that they would not "shake hands with murder", but forthwith proceeded to open negotiations with a terrorist Government convicted of the most inhuman brutalities. What is the sequel? The Labour Party sent a delegation consisting of Colonel Wedgwood and three other members to investigate conditions in Hungary. The result of their research has been to convict the present Government, on unimpeachable evidence, of the most frightful crimes. The matter does not rest there. A section of Labour in England has declared a blockade of Hungary while the White Terror lasts and has appealed to Labour in Europe to support its policy. Is the Punjab less important than Hungary?

HINDU UNIVERSITY.

PUBLIC MEETING IN BOMBAY.

A public meeting will be held at Madhav Baug, Gurgaum, to-morrow at 5 p.m. (S. T.), when the Hon. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya will deliver a lecture on "Bharat's Hindu University." H. H. the Maharajah Scindia of Gwalior will preside and H. H. the Maharajah of Bikaner will address the meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

DYER EXONERATED!**DECISION BY THE ARMY COUNCIL.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 12 noon, June 21.
According to the "Sunday Express" the Army Council has concluded the consideration of the Dyer case and has decided to exonerate him.

REGULATIONS UNDER GOVT. OF INDIA ACT.**BEING CONSIDERED BY JOINT COMMONS AND LORDS COMMITTEE.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 12 noon, June 21.
The joint Commons and Lords Select Committee which is considering the regulations under the Government of India Act for franchise, electorates, legislative procedure etc., is meeting very frequently and it is expected that a report will be made within a few days to allow of the parliamentary approval before the autumn adjournment. The personnel of the Committee is the same as reported in the Government of India Bill except that Lord Macdonald and Lord Northampton have been replaced by Lord Northampton and Lord Sydenham.

"SECRET OF HINDUISM"**SIR VALENTINE CHIROL'S LECTURE.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 12 noon, June 21.
Sir Valentine Chirol last night delivered the first lecture in memory of Sir George Birdwood at a meeting of the Society of Arts taking as his subject the "Secret of Hinduism." A distinguished Indian company was present. Sir Valentine Chirol suggested that the British rulers in India had not reckoned enough with the tenacity of the social and religious system to which India owed a great element of her stability. Lord Meston, presiding, said he thought it would be most attractive to watch the keen plastic Brahmin intellect in future gird itself to meet, and absorb the new theories of modern democracy.

SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORT OF COAL.**PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMIT.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 9-30 a.m., June 21.
Pretoria.—The South African Government has prohibited the export of coal and foodstuffs except under permit.

BOULOGNE CONFERENCE.**TO DISCUSS DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 9-30 a.m., June 21.
A Paris message states that besides the German indemnity the Boulogne Conference will discuss the disarmament of Germany.

SCOTTISH SAVINGS CONFERENCE.**KING SENDS MESSAGE.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. at 2-15 p.m., June 22.
The King has sent a message to the Scottish Savings Conference at Aberdeen emphasizing the value of the movement for encouraging thrift which will increase the independence of the people and materially assist the country to meet the financial burdens which are the inevitable price of victory.

FORMATION OF NEW GERMAN CABINET.**COMPROMISE WITH DEMOCRATS.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 1 p.m., June 21.
Berlin.—Fehrenbach has practically completed his Cabinet which comprises the Catholics, the Democrats and members of the People's Party. The latter have apparently not abandoned their Monarchist principle but they have effected a compromise with the Democrats by which Monarchism is provisionally subordinated.

DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.**AMBASSADORS' CONFERENCE'S DECISION.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 9 p.m., June 21.
Paris.—The Conference of Ambassadors has arrived at decisions on the question of the disarmament of Germany in accordance with the decisions of the Inter-Allied Military Committee which will be communicated to the Heads of the Governments at the Boulogne Conference. It is understood that the decisions provide for a reduction of the German Army to a hundred thousand by July 10th in accordance with the Peace Treaty.

JALLIANWALLA MEETING.**A "PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION."**

"The Independent" writes (June 20th) as follows:—

Every Indian must be proud of the way in which the Jallianwalla Bagh crowd behaved immediately before General Dyer appeared on the scene and opened fire. While the officials had absolutely no contrition for the loss of Indian lives through the wanton shooting by the military pickets of the crowd at the bridge on the 10th April, under their orders or with their approval, the people were moved by a very different spirit and openly condemned the mob outrages committed as a reprisal for those murders, as a result of which five European lives were lost. What-ever may be the truth of the trap-theory and the part played by the approver Hanstraj in that day's bloody drama, it is no longer possible to doubt or deny that the huge crowd that gathered at the Jallianwalla Bagh assembled in no militant or revengeful mood, the absolutely peaceful character of that crowd is proved beyond possibility of doubt by the evidence of Hanstraj the approver in the Amritsar conspiracy trial, who said that Gurbaksh Rai accused No. 10 proposed a resolution which is Ex. I. P. H. the printed copy of the brief does not contain the terms of this resolution, but we are able to publish it. It runs as follows:—

That this meeting, while placing on record its emphatic and unqualified condemnation of the detestable outrages and deeds of violence which occurred as an inevitable consequence of unjust and uncivil action of the Government in shooting loyal and peaceful citizens, expresses its alarm at the likelihood of such action resulting in far-reaching consequences of grave character calculated to cause grave injury to the interest of the British Empire.

This resolution shows the difference in the character and culture of the Indian crowd on the one hand and of the Punjab officials who declared that "for every European life one thousand Indians will be sacrificed," and that the Government will take their revenge "for the killing of the English from the people and their children." It is a pity that the story of this resolution, passed at the Jallianwalla Bagh meeting, just before the massacre commenced, has not as yet received almost any public notice. We are glad, therefore, that Mr. Patel has been instructed by wire by the President of the Congress, to give—

Wide publicity to the fact, now certain beyond doubt and borne out by approver's evidence in Amritsar conspiracy trial, that people assembled in Jallianwalla Bagh on 13th April had unanimously passed resolution condemning mob outrages of 10th April, just before Dyer arrived and opened fire on them.

SECRET MEETING OF ANGLO-FRENCH PREMIERS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 9-30 a.m., June 21.
It is officially announced that M. Miller and will meet Mr. Lloyd George at Hythe prior to the Boulogne Conference. The greatest secrecy is being observed with reference to this change of plan for which no explanation is yet forthcoming.

GENERAL WRANGEL'S OFFENSIVE.**RIGHT AND CENTRE ADVANCING.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. at 2-15 p.m., June 22.
Constantinople.—General Wrangel's centre and right are continuing to advance. The left remains stationary resting on the Dnieper. A considerable extent of territory has been recaptured with a thousand prisoners.

SEAMEN'S CONFERENCE AT GENOA.**PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE DORING REJECTED.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 1 p.m., June 21.
Genoa.—The proposal to appoint the German delegate, Doring, a member of the committee caused an angry scene at the meeting of seamen's delegates yesterday. Sir Havelock Wilson declared that Doring did not represent the seamen as he favoured submariners. The Belgian delegate threatened to leave if Doring was appointed. The proposal was ultimately rejected.

SPA CONFERENCE POSTPONED**OWING TO DIFFICULTIES IN FORMATION OF GERMAN CABINET**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 9-30 a.m., June 21.
Paris.—"The Echo" states that owing to the difficulties in connection with the formation of the German Cabinet the Spa Conference has again been postponed, this time until July 10th.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN LONDONDERRY.**UNIONISTS AND SINN FEINERS AT ARMS.****PROBABLY HUNDRED KILLED.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 9 p.m., June 21.
Yesterday evening and in the early hours of the Sunday morning a fighting between the Unionists and the Sinn Feiners occurred in Londonderry on an unprecedented scale, houses, armed with revolvers and rifles, firing for hours. Five men are dead. Directly the troops stopped the fighting in one quarter, it recommenced in another. Two shops were burned. The Sinn Feiners drove off the firemen and dragged the fire engine to the Sinn Fein headquarters. The total casualties are estimated at one hundred.

SINN FEIN BOYCOTT OF POLICE.**SCENES IN COUNTY LEITRIM.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. at 2-15 p.m., June 22.
In consequence of the Sinn Fein boycott of the police, extraordinary scenes are taking place in County Leitrim. Constables armed with revolvers are raiding foodshops and dairies and commandeering supplies. Sinn Feiners have been completely outwitted by police celerity.

RAILWAYMEN'S DEPUTATION TO PREMIER.**STATEMENT BY MR. THOMAS.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 9-30 a.m., June 21.
The railwaymen's leader, Mr. Thomas, states that the railwaymen's deputation proposed to Mr. Lloyd George that the Government should cease sending troops and munitions to Ireland and in return the railwaymen would appeal to the Irish people to suppress crime and violence and outrages of all kinds and during the truce the British and Irish Trade Union Congress would meet together after which the Government would confer with the Executive of the two congresses with a view to finding a permanent solution to the Irish question. The Government declined to discontinue sending troops and munitions but announced willingness to do everything to avoid provocation. They were prepared to meet any representation from the English and Irish bodies, including the representatives of Sinn Fein but further than that the Government declined to go. Mr. Thomas, added that in the event of further refusal to carry the troops and munitions the Government intended to close the Irish railways which would lead to a most serious situation.

WILFUL MURDER OF SERVANT.**BAWOO GETS FIVE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 12 noon, June 21.
Bawoo, who was charged with the wilful murder of his servant has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

EMPLOYMENT OF JAPANESE IN PUBLIC WORK.**BRITISH COLUMBIA REFUSES TO CANCEL PROHIBITORY CLAUSE.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 1 p.m., June 21.
Vancouver.—The Government of British Columbia has decided not to agree to the demand of the Canadian Dominion Government for cancellation of the clause in the provincial government's contracts, prohibiting employment of the Japanese in public works or in connection with mining or timber leases. The question has been referred to the provincial Court of Appeal preparatory to appeal to the Privy Council.

CABLE ITEM.

The engagement is announced of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Miss Pearl daughter of the late Major Craik, Rifle Brigade. "The Westminster Gazette" understands that Lord Milner will receive Ceylon National Congress Deputation early this week. The steamer Cheybaasa has arrived at Plymouth with a first consignment of Indian cattle sent to Brazil since the war. The beasts which number 275 will be reshipped and sent to Rio de Janeiro for breeding purposes.

Genoa.—A Commission for Inland Navigation has been appointed. It includes Captain Devine, delegate of the Indian Government.

COUNCIL ELECTION

The Hon. Rao Bahadur S. D. Garud is standing as a candidate for the Bombay Legislative Council on behalf of West Khadhes. He was twice elected to the Bombay Council on behalf of the Central Division.

N. W. RY. STRIKE.**STORY OF ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT.****HOW THE STRIKE WAS REVIVED.**

(From our Correspondent.)

LAHORE.

As I informed you already by wire, the Lahore strike was over on the 10th current. You know all about the troubles we had, the sufferings of the strikers and of the public whose losses and inconvenience were incalculable. Above all Mr. Miller's trouble was enormous. I reproduce below his letter to Mr. Ram Bhuj Datt Chaudri in reply to the latter's of the same day. The letter which Mr. Chaudri wrote to Mr. Miller runs as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Miller,
There is something very urgent to talk to you. I am sending a tanga for you. It is hardly a couple of minutes drive from yours. I want to be alone so will you please come over and oblige."

The following reply was given by Mr. Miller. "After yesterday's long discussion I have consulted my comrades and myself have given my best thoughts to the points, that you pressed upon me. I hereby authorise you to settle the question with the authorities. I have once more perused with you the terms mentioned in the 'Civil and Military Gazette' of 29th May, 1920. Please make the following points clear also:—

1. That no striker will be punished.
2. That the Agent will have no objection to any railway employee joining our union.
3. That the question of gratuity and our representation thereupon will be forwarded to the Secretary of State the Right Hon. E. Montagu.

On your getting these terms settled, I undertake to bring the strike to a close and collect them to resume work within a short time. The announcement as to closing the strike will at once be made. Please see that the Agent's undertaking as to the Audit Office is kept good."

Messrs. Chaudri and Puri saw the Agent on the 9th and brought the following terms. "The Agent of the N. W. Railway having been approached by two public spirited citizens of Lahore, Mr. Ram Bhuj Datt Chaudri and Mr. M. D. Puri, with a representation that the strike should be ended in order to relieve the public of the great inconvenience, which is being caused in many ways by its prolongation, has consented to renew the terms of his offer of 27th May 1920, with some modifications which came up for consideration during the discussion.

2. The terms of the Government commitment issued as a result of the meeting in the Commissioner's Office on the 12th May will naturally stand. Also the terms offered in para 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Agent's notice of 27th May hold good, and para 1 of that notice will read as follows:—

Revised para "The Agent is prepared to reinstate them on the same pay as they drew before they went on strike, but in view of the fact that some posts vacated by some of the strikers have definitely been filled up by other men, he will in such cases appoint strikers (who return to duty) to similar post, on the same pay and same advantages if he cannot in any particular case put the man back into his original place. This applies to Lahore and to out districts. The Agent will also endeavour to find suitable employment for those few men who have been told by their officers in districts outside Lahore that they cannot be re-employed.

3. It is to be understood that the men must join their work without delay at their several stations, but these terms will not apply to any man who has not rejoined by Monday morning, 14th June, at latest, unless there is some good reason to justify delay. It will be plain from this that there is no intention of punishing strikers. As regards gratuity, the rules are clear, but there is nothing to prevent an appeal being made against the loss of it through the proper channel.

4. The Chief Auditor has agreed to apply the same terms to his staff.

5. The gentlemen named above have explained these terms to the Strikers' Chief Delegates' Committee, who have passed a resolution accepting the above terms, and it is probable that a large number of the strikers will rejoin work to-morrow."

The terms were presented to the Chief Delegates' Committee that very evening and taking into consideration all the difficulties we had a resolution accepting the terms was passed on the morning of 10th.

On the 10th the men resumed duty. By batches people were taken on to their respective offices and shops.

In order to end the strike on the line the Agent agreed to issue 15 Railway passes for the workers of the Association to go out to different places and to get the men in. As soon as the passes were issued the Association workers left Lahore for their destinations. Mr. Miller went to Ludhiana, Mr. Khan to Jullunder and Mr. Kapuria to Multan. There they met very firm and resolute people who told them to return to headquarters refusing to accept the terms. Messrs. Miller and Khan came back to Lahore to consult the Chief Delegates' Committee. Here the situation was quite different. Many strikers who had resumed duty were ready to come out but the Chief Delegates' Committee was not prepared to give the verdict for another strike. Again the instructions were sent on line to remain firm till a decision could be arrived at.

Fortunately, on the 14th the local secretaries from different stations turned up here. A meeting of the Chief Delegates' Committee was held and the terms were explained to them. The whole of the story had to be related and they were convinced that out was a just and proper action.

On the 15th Rawalpindi resumed work and it was hoped that other stations would follow and by Sunday the 20th we hoped everything would be set right. Unfortunately the allegation is that the authorities in their vain-glory thought that they could not

LATEST CABLES.**OBSERVATIONS ON TURKISH TREATY.****REQUEST FOR TIMELIMIT EXTENTION**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
Paris.—The Grand Vizier has requested the Peace Conference further to extend period granted for the Turkish observations on the draft treaty.

DELEGATION AT VERSAILLES

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 18.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
Paris.—The Turkish Peace Delegation has arrived at Versailles. A member of the Grand Vizier's entourage stated that the Grand Vizier had decided to sign the treaty.

DETERMINED IRISH RAILWAYMEN.**MR. THOMAS ON NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.**

(REUTERS' SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
The railwaymen's leader, Mr. Thomas speaking at Scarborough, said that the Irish railwaymen who interviewed the Premier, had decided that whatever the consequences they would not give way. If Ireland were running with blood next week and the military succeeded in exterminating the railwaymen there would still remain the Irish problem to be solved. He asked the Irish workers to realise the consequences of starting a fight against machine-guns and militarism and said that the trade unions and the Government had national obligations.

WHITE TERROR IN HUNGARY**BOYCOTT COMMENCED.**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
Vienna.—The boycott of Hungary decided upon by the International Trades Union Conference at Amsterdam owing to the White Terror in Hungary begins at midnight. It is reported from Budapest that Hungary is preparing to take strong reprisals against Austria. Two hundred wagons each of wheat and maize sent to Austria from Jugoslavia and also large quantity of petroleum from Rumania for which Austria has 1-4 fifty-two million crowns are held up in Hungary owing to the Austrians detaining twenty wagons of sugar consigned to Hungary.

GERMAN DELEGATE AT SEAMEN'S CONFERENCE.**MR. H. WILSON'S PROTEST.**

(REUTERS' SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
Genoa.—At the International Seamen's Conference, Mr. Havelock Wilson declared that he could not allow German delegate, Doring, to participate unless he expressed regret for the German submarineism and obtained an official assurance from the German Government that the sufferers from it would be indemnified. Mr. Wilson's attitude is strongly supported by the seamen's delegates from other countries, especially by those from France, Belgium, Italy and Japan.

FRANCE AND THE COLONIES.**NEED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS**

(REUTERS' SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, June 20.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
Bordeaux.—Sarraut, Minister for the Colonies, in a speech here, announced that he was introducing a Bill to secure a State grant of four milliards of francs to improve the communications between the Colonies and the Mother Country. He declared that the expenditure of a milliard of francs for that purpose would enable France to secure all her needs from her Colonies.

RECENT ANTI-BRITISH OUTBREAKS.**DUE TO INCITEMENT AND BRIBERY**

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Reed. 0-45 a.m., June 22.
It is authoritatively announced that the recent anti-British outbreaks on Tigris and Euphrates are due to incitement and bribery by the Arab officials. This is confirmed by the arrest of the brother of the former Governor of Omeir who was captured while superintending the destruction of the railway. He was found to be in possession of money intended for bribes. Other Turkish emissaries are likewise suspected.

afford to treat the men as they liked. Soon it came to be known that the very seven men whose dismissal was the cause of the first strike were again dismissed by the authorities for refusal to give up their stated jobs. This, the men consider to be a distinct breach of faith on the part of the Railway Administration. Over twenty thousand men are out on strike again which is a curious commentary on the ability of the administration to manage the workers in an essential industry. The public is disgusted with this mismanagement and demands a fair, honorable, immediate settlement.

MARTIAL LAW.**THE ARGUMENT OF NECESSITY.****(BY A YOUNG INDIAN.)**

Somewhere Milton says that necessity is no justification for a deed, but a mere excuse and he calls it the plea of tyrants; and rightly so, for necessity may justify anything. All the Prussian atrocities can be justified on that plea. Moreover the word has more than one sense. So we may regard with suspicion, if not entirely reject, an argument of necessity brought forward as a justification of a deed. The Hunter Committee majority seek to defend the introduction of the Martial Law by attempting to show that the situation necessitated such an action on the part of the authorities.

True Justification.
What could they mean by this "necessity"? Certainly, not of the physical or mechanical kind. It would be a false analogy to suggest that the Martial Law Regime was the outcome of the situation as the resultant movement of a body placed under certain conditions is the outcome of the forces working upon it. Such mechanical effects need no justification; they are neither right nor wrong, they simply are. No voluntary or purposive action can be said to be necessary in the above sense. Such acts may be regarded as teleologically necessary, or necessary for an end. The "necessity" in the present case is of the latter kind. These acts are not justified because of their "necessity." If they were all voluntary acts would be justified. If we want to justify them we must show that they embody to be "in accordance with accepted principles." Hence it is the nature of the end expressed through such an act that constitutes its justification and not its necessity.

What is "End"?
But a care should be taken about the meaning attached to the concept "end." The end is said to be "embodied" in the act. By end is not meant some object for achievement external to the act, but a series of acts, to the "process of its realization." "The end is not the final stage which succeeds or supplants its predecessors. It is not something that can exist, or can be understood by itself. It is the meaning or the spirit of the whole, distilled, as it were, into each individual scene or passage." "The idea of purpose, as we meet it in experience, appears to imply (1) desire for a non-existent state of affairs, (2) the conception of a plan for bringing the desired state of affairs into existence by selection of appropriate means, (3) the act of will proper, which realizes or carries out this plan." The end is thus organically connected with the means, and of the three the last is the most important aspect for the end is known through the deed. This end thus known to us is to be shown not to violate any of the accepted principles if the action is to be justified. It may happen that we have an end in view and the act of its realization points to quite a different end. And if the end as revealed in the act violates some law or principle, our original good purpose cannot be advanced as a justification for our deed. It amounts to a mere good intention; however sincere we may have been about our good intention it is of no avail. We can judge of an action only by what it is; conduct is the only test of character. How can we show that a good intention did exist? If mere good intentions justified acts, anything might be justified by it as by necessity. We must not forget the saying "Hell is paved with good intentions." In such cases we may save our character by admitting our mistake in not being careful about the means adopted to realize our intentions, by sincerely regretting for the mistake and by being more careful about our means in the future. But still the act itself is not justified. It stands condemned and we are still held responsible for our mistake, and we must accept that responsibility.

The Test.
We have seen, then, that neither necessity nor sincere good intentions can justify an act. It is the end as manifested in the act that can justify. We must, therefore, turn to the working of the Martial Law and see if it can stand the test of accepted principles, which, in the present case, have been briefly described by the Secretary of State:—"The principle, which has consistently governed the policy of His Majesty's Government in directing the methods to be employed, when military action in support of the civil authority is required, may be broadly stated as using the minimum force necessary"; and "there are certain standards of conduct which no civilized Government can with impunity neglect, and which His Majesty's Government are determined to uphold." If we wish, therefore, to justify the step taken by the authorities, we must show that the end revealed in the administration of the Martial Law was merely checking the rioters, with the use of minimum force and in a spirit of defence, from doing harm to life and property, to re-establish order, but not by any means whatever. Merely to say that Martial Law was necessary means no more than that the situation required the use of military force. This is not sufficient to justify the act, for it does not enable us to judge, for example, whether the force actually used was the minimum necessary. We must hence go to Martial Law in practice and inquire into the nature of the end. The nature of that end is to be found in the measures adopted during the Martial Law regime and hence in the working of the Martial Law Tribunals, in public floggings, bombing from aeroplanes, use of armoured trains, and crawling order and other fancy punishments, in the acts of "General Dyer, Colonels Johnson and O'Brien, Mr. Bosworth Smith, Captain Doreton and other shining lights of the day" and in their estimation of their own conduct. The measures adopted then were unjust, cruel and oppressive. "The Administration was marred," says the Secre-

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KHILAFAT AND SIND.

OFFICIAL INTERFERENCE.

COMMITTEE'S PROTEST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, June 21. For a long time, particularly after the Peace Celebrations the Kazi of Hyderabad had been following an anti-Khilafat policy. The Hyderabad Khilafat Committee had therefore been making preparations to have separate Id prayers and refuse to say prayers after the Kazi and elect a new Kazi in this place. The old Kazi and this party found favour with local officials. The old Kazi said the Id prayers at the Idgah but the Khilafat Committee not wishing to give any excuse to officials to interfere organised their prayers outside Shah Makai, but on the 16th the Secretary of the Khilafat Committee received the following letter marked "immediate" from the District Magistrate who had one hour's previous discussion with the Secretary on the same lines:—

Shaikh Abdul Majid,
Secretary, Khilafat Committee,
Hyderabad,

Sir,
A notice of a proposed meeting to be held outside Shah Makai has been issued and brought to my notice. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate Mr. Hala has reported that the proposed meeting if held at the place indicated will cause a breach of the peace and a public disturbance. Evidence has been recorded on oath proving that Kazi Ibrahim Shah, and later his brother have exercised the right of reading prayers outside Shah Makai for about 28 years. Where there is apprehension of a breach of the peace it has been ruled that it is not legal to take action under the Criminal Procedure Code against a party who is in the possession of a right because some one else proposes to interfere with that right and that the proper course in such a case is to bind down the other party. It will be, therefore, necessary, for the District Magistrate to take action against the promoters of the proposed meeting to which the notice relates. Unless the Khilafat Committee select another place where no existing right exists interference with which might cause a disturbance, this action will be apart from any general orders passed by the District Magistrate under Sections 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the Bombay District Police Act. If the Khilafat Committee by 8.30 a.m. on the 17th instant agree to issue a fresh notice appointing another place which is unobjectionable the District Magistrate will be glad to meet their wishes.

Yours, sincerely,
(Sd.) W. W. SMART,
PROTEST.

The Khilafat Committee met from 11 to 2 in the night to discuss this letter several among the members insisting on retaining the old arrangements as to the place of prayers stating that they did not care if arrested or fined upon. After all sober counsel prevailed and the following reply was sent to District Magistrate:—

Sir,
In reply to your letter of June 1920 without delay received by me in the afternoon of the 16th instant I have been asked by the Hyderabad Khilafat Committee to lodge on its behalf a most emphatic protest against the contents of your letter which clearly indicates that the local official authorities at Hyderabad are bent upon needlessly interfering with peaceful exercise of their unrestricted and unalienable rights in regard to the performance of their religious duties viz., Id prayers. My committee wishes to intimate to you in as clear and unambiguous terms as possible the great responsibilities the local officials are undertaking by their wounding the religious susceptibilities of the Muslims, particularly at this time when to the knowledge of the officials Muslim hearts are deeply lacerated at the breach of the solemn pledges by the representatives of the British Government resulting in the destruction of the Khilafat and the fatal crippling of Islamic power. The great majority of the Muslims of Hyderabad wish to assert their so far undisputed right to decline to say their Id prayers after Kazi Ibrahim Shah who has in their eyes forfeited his right to Imamship by reason of his having denied openly the existence of the Khilafat. The Khilafat Committee have undertaken to arrange for the offering of Id prayers after a new Kazi and thus depositing Kazi Ibrahim Shah an action which is perfectly within their religious rights.

COMMITTEE'S RIGHT.

The Committee had every right to arrange the prayers even at the very Idgah where Kazi Ibrahim Shah is to say the prayers. For it is perfectly open to any section of Muslims to come and offer their prayers at the Idgah and no one whether a Muslim or an official has any right to prevent this. The Idgah is not the private property of Kazi Ibrahim Shah. It is a public place of worship of all Muslims but the Khilafat Committee waived this right temporarily and deliberately. The Khilafat Committee and the large number of its supporters have from the outset been following peaceful methods doing their level best to avoid the remotest likelihood to give to the opposite party any chance to bring forward the plausible excuse of danger of disturbance of peace and thus giving to officials the wished for opportunity to interfere.

The Khilafat Committee proved its anxiety and capacity to organize peaceful demonstrations on the occasion of the second Khilafat day the 19th March, in spite of the unfounded fears of the officials and the District Magistrate acknowledged this in his letter to the Secretary of the Khilafat Committee, a day or two thereafter, remarking on the peaceful character of the demonstration. In spite of this fact and well aware of the changed attitude of officials the Khilafat Committee was determined to afford to the officials not even

a plausible excuse to interfere for if the C. I. J. Officers have been doing their duty in rejecting the public feelings correctly the Muslims in their present strained feelings can bear everything interference direct or indirect with the observance of their religious duties. In view of this the Committee deliberately avoided the site of Idgah for the congregation of separate prayers after another Kazi and selected another place about half a mile away. The Committee is now surprised to find that the officials seem to be determined to drive Muslims from pillar to post by increasing interference in the performance of their religious duties and by wounding the deepest religious susceptibilities of the Muslims to drive them to disobedience of orders issued on the flimsiest pretexts and with a full knowledge of the probability of their being not obeyed. The Committee is now informed that it must not organize prayers even outside the Dargah of Shah Makai because a breach of peace is apprehended and the fact of Kazi Ibrahim Shah and later his brother having exercised the right of reading prayers outside Shah Makai for about 28 years my Committee regrets that the District Magistrate has been led to make this grossly erroneous statement. The brother of Kazi Ibrahim Shah my Committee understands, has sometimes said prayers inside Shah Makai near the Makabara and not outside. The Committee does not wish to go into the question as to how many years Kazi Ibrahim Shah said prayers and how many years and since when his brother did, for in spite of what you write in your letter my Committee hopes that you know very well that the mere fact that a Kazi or after him his brother has said Id prayers at a particular place does not give him any prescriptive right to the possession of that place, least of all to a place outside it to the exclusion of the right of another Muslim to say his prayers there. Your remarks therefore in para I and your reference to the Criminal Procedure Code in para 2 are wholly beside the point.

INSULTING.

My Committee also wishes once and for all to state in as clear terms as the English language would allow that this oft-repeated reference to apprehension of a breach of the peace is most insulting to that large section of Muslims who support the Khilafat cause in Hyderabad. My Committee challenges the officials to point out a single occasion through out the long history of the Khilafat agitation in Hyderabad when in spite of the most exasperating action of the British Government with regard to the Khilafat and Jafar-ul-Arab, the repeated threats by local officials against the chief workers at Hyderabad and deliberate provocation being given by the other party at Hyderabad as illustrated by their conduct last month at Shakhri Tajmahomed Dargah when in spite of the most provoking causes the demonstrations organized by the Khilafat Committee or the conduct of its supporters at any other functions have ever swerved by a hair's breadth from their strictly peaceful character and reference to the disturbance of the peace may more fittingly be addressed to the other party which is so readily able to enlist the support of the officials.

The Committee is fully conscious of its own duties in the matter and knows without the need of intimation from anybody else that the movement it has organized will succeed only if conducted peacefully, so far as the actions of its own members are concerned and the Committee is determined to strain its every nerve whenever required to keep its own movement peaceful. But it has not the slightest hesitation in stating that the action of the sort taken by the officials, latterly culminating in the letter under reply shows that officials at Hyderabad appear to be deliberately trifling with the religious susceptibilities of Muslims at a time of extreme laceration of the heart and make indirect attempts at interference with the peaceful exercise of their religious rights on the flimsiest pretexts afforded by the baseless report of a new subordinate officer who has not been in the town for more than a week.

The Id prayers are very likely to come off on the morning of the 18th and you have asked for reply by the 17th. While your letter reached me only in the afternoon of the 16th, although our announcement of separate prayer outside the Shah Makai was made 3 days ago. The Committee deeply regrets its determination to have separate prayers organized and a new Imam declared, and a two-fold attempt to fight out with officials in a short interval of time left for the grievances raised by them in the letter.

The Committee, therefore, feels compelled under protest to change the place of separate prayers and has selected the open space on this side of Shah Kadam below the Homestead Hall for the congregation of Muslims for Id prayers as its final choice and is issuing a public notice to that effect.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) SHEIKH ABDUL MAJID.

In his covering letter the Secretary suggested that if Kazi Ibrahim Shah's brother finished prayers by 10 a.m., the Khilafat Committee may have their prayers. After that the desire of many was not to change the place of the meeting.

The District Magistrate replied that he would issue orders under the Police Act asking Kazi Ibrahim Shah's brother to finish prayers and disperse his followers by 10.30, after which the Khilafat Committee would arrange their prayer, but the Khilafat Committee replied that they strongly opposed the application of the Police Act, even though it was to interfere with the other party. What they had suggested was an informal understanding between the District Magistrate and Kazi Ibrahim Shah. Since the use of the Police Act was intended the Committee would not take advantage of it but would have the prayers at Shah Kadam. Thus the Id prayers were offered on Saturday by Kazi Ibrahim Shah at Idgah and by the new Kazi Sayed Asadullah Shah at Shah Kadam. The latter passed through the city followed by a grand procession. His prayers were attended by about six thousand persons Kazi Ibrahim Shah's prayers were attended by about three to four hundred at the most. The popular cause thus won a great victory. The old Kazi was formally deposed at Shah Kadam meeting and Kazi Asadullah Shah appointed in his place. The Muslim Anjuman was reorganised and

Kazi Ibrahim Shah and the Hon. Mr. Ghulam Hassan were deposed from the position of the president and secretary and new office bearers were elected including Mr. Bhurgr as one of the vice-presidents.

The events of the last two days and the final victory have caused a great stir not only among the Mahomedans but have been a subject of talk among the Hindus, one of whom Mr. Santidas, pleader, had arranged for distribution of Sherbat among the Mahomedans at the place of prayers. The whole proceedings were throughout most peaceful.

KHILAFAT MEETING IN CALCUTTA.

PROTEST AGAINST TURKISH PEACE TREATY.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, June 21. A very largely attended public meeting of Hindus and Mussalms of Calcutta was held evening under the presidency of Hajee Dawood Sulman Bangilla to consider the Khilafat question. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the following resolution was passed to be sent to H. E. the Viceroy:—

"The citizens of Calcutta in a public meeting held to-night emphatically protest against the violation of the pledge of the Premier and appeal to your Excellency to kindly induce the British Cabinet to revise the Turkish Peace Treaty and to grant permission to the Central Khilafat Committee to send a deputation to Her Majesty to ascertain the present political condition of the country. The meeting also decided to send up a memorial to H. E. the Viceroy."

SURAT TODDY SHOPKEEPERS.

DISAPPROVE TENDER SYSTEM.

The licensed toddy shopkeepers of the Surat City have presented a petition to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay with regard to various hardships which they will suffer under the tender system which has been recently introduced by the Collector of Surat. The petitioners submit that the system is exceedingly objectionable from the standpoint of public welfare and they pray that this system be abandoned and the old system of continuing the shop license to the same licensee unless he is guilty of misconduct or refusal to pay, subject to the Collector's discretion of increasing or reducing the fees in accordance with the total quantity of toddy issued of at his shop during the previous year, be re-adopted. They say that to make the toddy shopkeeping more respectable, to remove temptations from the way of the shopkeepers, to promote the cause of temperance by the supply of pure and undiluted toddy at moderate rates and to prevent such people from being driven to liquor and to secure the shopkeepers from the frequent inquisitorial and annoying visits of the Alkari Police they pray:—

That Your Excellency's Government will be pleased to give up the recently introduced tender system under which shop licenses are given to persons who agree to pay fees for the largest number of trees and also to pay the highest rates for them, and reintroduce the fixed fee system under which the Collector fixes the license fees in accordance with the quantity of toddy sold during the preceding 12 months.

(2) That no tree booth licenses be given within the vicinity of the limits of the City of Surat.

(3) That the giving of licenses for toddy vending shops and the conditions for the same be announced before 20th June and the licensees be permitted to prepare trees for tapping in the July previous to the year of the license on the payment of fees for one year.

(4) That privileged shops be charged tree fees not higher than the lowest fees of the shops in its vicinity.

SOWARS' VENTURE.

ATTEMPT AT MOLESTATION.

(Associated Press.)

LUCKNOW, June 21. On the afternoon of the 19th June, a number of sowars of the 28th Cavalry entered a house of one Musammatt Kutban in Mohalla Pathaganj and wanted to molest the inmates. On resistance being offered, they took to their heels. They again turned up in large numbers the following day and entered the same house and on the inmates resistance, a free fight ensued in which the occupants were badly hurt. One is reported to be in a precarious condition. The sowars of the 28th Cavalry were helped by the men of the 5th Mule Corps who happened to be on the spot then. When the men of the surrounding vicinity and two policemen turned up the sowars commenced running away and on the road were met by a couple of police constables at Hasaungunj, the latter being badly hurt in trying to arrest them. In the meanwhile, the Hasaungunj police received information by telephone and succeeded in arresting 12 accused both on the way and on their arrival at the barracks. The case will come up before the City Magistrate tomorrow.

MYSORE INCOME-TAX.

NEW REGULATION RECEIVES ASSENT.

(Associated Press.)

BANGALORE, June 21. A Mysore Gazette Extraordinary announced that the Mysore Income-tax Regulation which was passed in the Legislative Council on the 15th instant has received the assent of His Highness the Maharajah on the 17th instant and that the regulation shall come into force on the 1st July 1920. The rates of tax are 3 pices in rupee when income is 2,400 or upwards but less than 9,000, four and a quarter pices in rupee for 9,000 and above up to 25,000, six pices for 25,000 and above up to 50,000, nine pices up to 75,000 and one anna in rupee for 75,000 or upwards.

MARTIAL LAW.

(Continued from Page 7.)

tary of State in his despatch, "by a spirit which prompted—not generally, but unfortunately, not uncommonly—the enforcement of punishments and orders calculated, if not intended, to humiliate Indians as a race, to cause unwarranted inconvenience amounting on occasions to injustice and to flout the standards of propriety and humanity, which the inhabitants not only of India in particular, but of the civilised nations in general have a right to demand of those set in authority over them. . . . Some of the officers in the Punjab appear to have overlooked the fact that they were administering Martial Law, not in order to subdue the population of a hostile country, but temporarily as an act of war, but in order to deal promptly with those who had disturbed the population owing allegiance to the King-Emperor, and in the main profoundly loyal to that allegiance." So intense and maddening was the spirit of the Administration.

No justification.

Such a spirit stands condemned, and hence also the Martial Law administration which was carried out in this spirit when we take into account all the circumstances of the case, when we know, for instance, that it was introduced because there were civil disturbances among an unarmed population and not in a hostile country. The presumed purpose was entirely missed. So that purpose becomes a mere intention; and however disinterested and sincere it might have been, the "good intention," as we saw above, cannot justify the Administration. Force used in such a spirit could not have been the minimum necessary. Measures taken in this spirit, if they were not deliberate, must either have been done in a frenzy, which made officers forget what they were doing; or such acts might have become natural to them through some practice in the past. Any way they cannot be defended. Officers charged with so grave a responsibility, did not know what they were doing and were hence unfit for the charge; and if the acts were natural, that is habitual, to them, they reveal a brutalized state of mind. To say, then, that the acts were not intended, or deliberate, does not save them. Again, if it can be true that such immorality was practised with a "spirit of duty," the immoral act because honest is not less open to condemnation, but more; and the officer who does an unnecessarily harsh act thinking it to be his duty, is open to censure both for the unjustifiable act, and for thinking that is not and cannot be a duty to be his duty. There is thus nothing even to modify a judgment upon the Administration. And who is to be held responsible for entrusting these men—men who had no sense of duty, who could forget themselves at critical moments or who have lost all sense of humanity? There is a way out and that is to proclaim boldly, if shamefacedly, that "necessity knows no law" or that "end justifies the means." But these principles not even the Hunter Committee would accept for they do say of "a calculated piece of inhumanity towards utterly innocent men, including children" that it was a "grave error" on the part of the officer who ordered the massacre. "Teaching a lesson," "making an impression" or "spreading a permanent moral effect"—if immoral means could ever produce these effects—are often disguises, and they become mere "good intentions" when we see them in the light of the spirit of the Administration. So then there is no justification whatever for the Martial Law Regime.

Govt. of India's Responsibility.

If the Government of India did not really introduce the Martial Law Administration with such a spirit as was revealed in it, and if they want to save their character the only way is that they must disapprove of it, openly condemn it, and show genuine regret for it both by words and by deeds. They must be just to themselves. They cannot escape censure by making scapegoats of some of the officers. They must admit their own blunders. Still the act as a whole will ever remain condemned, and they responsible for their mistake. The Government of India are guilty of permitting more force to be used than was necessary (if there was any force necessary), and they are responsible for not "sufficiently realizing the forces of evil they let loose" in giving a blank cheque to the Local Government and the military. It is not necessary to attribute motives, but one cannot help saying that, if they are not bold enough to repent and to be just, and on the contrary, approve of and seek to justify the Martial Law Administration, there will be no reason not to associate the Government as a whole with the spirit of the Martial Law Administration and their approval and attempts at justification of the Law in practice will remain an ever-standing challenge to the nation as a whole, and a violation of the sanctity of the universal Principle of Morality, the basis of accepted principles of mankind.

AFGHAN DELEGATION.

(From our Correspondent.)

MUSSOOREE, June 21. The Afghan Delegation and party returned to Mussooree the morning from Dehradun where they had spent the Id. They proceeded down hill last Thursday but the festival was a day later than was anticipated owing to the non-appearance of the new Moon. The spare day was spent in an interesting journey by a special train to Haridwar where the Rishikul and other places of note were visited. The Id festivities then took place at Dehradun and return was made early Sunday morning. The delegates greatly enjoyed the change of scene but they found Dehradun itself almost unbearably hot and the motor cars which had been placed at their disposal were in active use to mitigate the sensation of heat. Mr. Acheson and Sahibzada Sir Abdul Quyum accompanied the party. With the expected return of Mr. Dobbs from Simla tomorrow early resumption of deliberations of conference may be anticipated.

WORLD BOY SCOUTS' ORGANISATIONS.

SCHEME FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

(REUTERS' SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. 0.45 a.m., June 22.

It is understood that the Government is giving its full approval and assistance to the scheme for the International Meeting of the Boy Scouts' Organisations throughout the world to be held in London in August. Contingents are being despatched from all the Dominions and America. The latter is sending three hundred scouts by a warship. Contingents will also arrive from France, Scandinavia, Italy, Portugal, Belgium, Holland, Spain and other countries.

SOUTH AFRICAN FERTILISERS

EXPORT PROHIBITED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. 0.45 a.m., June 22.

Pretoria.—The South Africa Government has also prohibited export of fertilisers except under licence.

INDIAN DETACHMENT AT TABRIZ WITHDRAWN.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Recd. 0.45 a.m., June 22.

The War Office announces that the Indian detachment at Tabriz was withdrawn on the 2nd instant to Zinjan 150 miles from Teheran. The Bolsheviks numbering a thousand are still at Astara and Ardabil.

THE THIRD DEGREE.

THE DENNISTONS IN STRONG DRAMA.

"The Third Degree" is a long, long way removed from "Up in Mabel's Room" and its presentation at the Excelsior Theatre last night went far to show the versatility of the Denniston Players. There is plenty of "meat" in "The Third Degree." Written by Charles Klein who is considered in the first flight of American dramatists, he uses his knowledge of a subject to strikingly expose certain methods of the police which have become so common in America more particularly in the most important cities. It is well-known that the police in America resort to original methods with a view to getting convictions and at times from people arrested, who are perfectly guileless of the crimes preferred against them. Charles Klein ingeniously shows in "The Third Degree" how a police captain extracts from a young man a confession of murder, and amongst the methods used is hypnotism. In a measure the play is a mystery play and as there will be the opportunity of seeing "The Third Degree" played a second time to-night, we content ourselves with just broadly noting the idea of the play and let visitors to-night enjoy the ramifications of the story. Suffice it to say that the confessed murderer eventually employs Richard Brewster as his lawyer upon whom rests the responsibility to prove the falsity of this extracted confession.

We made or rather renewed the acquaintance of Mr. Reynolds Denniston last night for it was he who unravelled by searching evidence how and why this young man charged of murder made such a confession. It is very nearly eighteen months ago that Mr. Reynolds Denniston stepped on the Excelsior Theatre stage last and last night in a character which suited him like a kid glove he gave a right down convincing display. It is an important character—this Richard Brewster—and one understands that Mr. Reynolds Denniston is not called upon so very much to appear in big parts which is a pity, especially when we realise that Mr. Reynolds Denniston is so experienced an actor—twenty years!

The wife of the accused man (Mrs. Howard Jeffries Jnr.) suits Miss Warda Howard capably. Much as we liked her as Mabel Essington in "Up in Mabel's Room," that was a show part as compared with the solidity which characterises Howard's wife. There is much opportunity for emotion and real life and Miss Warda Howard displayed her emotional powers with an exactness which made us see her as quite a new light last night, one in which she shines as a star of some magnitude.

On Saturday night we saw Mr. Richard Wykeham in broad comedy hiding in a big box in Mabel's room. Last night he was the father of the young man wrongly accused of murder, a father of the hard-hearted character, a father whose love of money exceeded his love for his son. He refuses to render his son any assistance in the fight for right and he brings out with much force all the idiosyncracies of such a father, and with natural force. Here is another actor with experience written down in large letters over his work.

The accused man (Mr. Howard Jeffries Jnr.) is taken by Mr. Leo Kennedy, but he has not much scope in which to display his talents, and yet all he did was thoroughly well done. There is a striking scene in which Mr. Leo Kennedy is associated and that is when he is undergoing the third degree at the hands of the police captain and great acting was portrayed in it.

Miss Pressy Preston as Mrs. Howard Jeffries Senr. gave a strong presentation. Her elocutionary powers are of remarkable quality and her characterisation left nothing to be desired. There were several smaller parts and those, together with the entire performance were worthy of the greatness of the Denniston Players, for of a truth they have proved themselves great, and when we speak from an Indian standpoint very great.

WIRELESS OPERATORS' STRIKE.

JOINT SEAFARERS' COUNCIL ATTITUDE.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. at 2.15 p.m., June 22.

Despite the strike of the regular wireless operators, the Mauretania sailed from Southampton for America to-day with three nonunion operators. Fears were entertained with regard to the attitude of the crew until the receipt of orders from the Joint Seafarers' Council, declaring that the wireless strike was unauthorised by the Council and that all other unions must carry on.

THE SEQUEL.

SEAMEN AND FIREMEN UNIONS' ORDERS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Recd. 1 p.m., June 21.

Serious development has occurred in connection with the wireless strike. The White Star liner, Belgic, and the American liner, Haverford, were leaving Liverpool for America when the Seamen's and Firemen's Union ordered their men ashore, refusing to allow them to work alongside the blackleg wireless operators.

NEW ROYAL WARRANT FOR V. C.

BOTH FOR ARMY AND NAVY.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Recd. 1 p.m., June 21.

The "Gazette" publishes a Royal Warrant providing for the award of the Victoria Cross to civilians of either sex connected with the army. Women nurses and members of the auxiliary corps are eligible. The warrant further provides for grant of the Corps to officer, non-commissioned officer or man of any unit distinguishing itself collectively, the recipients being selected by a ballot of his comrades. A similar provision is made in the case of the navy.

FOREIGN POST OFFICES ABOLISHED IN CHINA.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. at 2.15 p.m., June 22.

Peking.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the bill abolishing foreign post-offices.

PRINCE AT SYDNEY.

BANQUETED AT THE TOWN HALL.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 19.
Recd. at 2.15 p.m., June 22.

Sydney.—The Prince of Wales was to-day entertained at a banquet at the Town Hall. A wonderful reception was accorded His Royal Highness as he drove through the streets. Mr. Storey, the Labour Premier, welcomed the Prince on behalf of the government and the Labour Party as a thorough democrat.

BRITISH SQUADRON IN COPENHAGEN.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION ACCORDED

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. at 2.15 p.m., June 22.

Copenhagen.—The British squadron including the Hood and the Tiger had an enthusiastic reception from the populace. The officers and men were feted everywhere. Thousands of people are visiting the Hood.

SPORTING.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, June 20.
Recd. 9 p.m., June 21.

The following are the results of the Finals of the London Tennis Championships at the Queen's Club:—

Singles.—Johnston beat Tilden 4/6; 6/2; 6/4.
Doubles.—Johnston and Tilden beat Williams and Garland 6/3; 6/4.

INTER-UNIVERSITY POLO.
In the Inter-University Polo at Hurlingham, Cambridge beat Oxford by four goals to three. Prince Henry scored two goals including the winning hit.

SIR SHAPURJI BROACHA.

CONDITION AGAIN CRITICAL.

We regret to learn that Sir Shapurji Broacha's condition of health has again become very serious. A slight improvement was noticed on Saturday morning but unfortunately it was not maintained, the temperature going up considerably. Last night, Sir Shapurji was lying unconscious and in a critical condition.

GOLD TENDERS.

SIMLA, June 21.

A Government press communique says:—It is hereby notified with reference to the Gold sales to be held on the 23rd of June and subsequent dates that no tenders below Rs. 15-14-10 per tola fine, which represents a ratio in terms of sovereigns and Rupees of one sovereign to 10 Rupees, will be a valid tender.

THE PUNJAB EXCESSES.

PUNJAB ATROCITIES

AN ENGLISHMAN'S COMMENT

LETTER TO SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER

The "Leader" publishes the following letter. Sir,—It seems to me that future good relations between the British and Indian subjects of H. M. the King-Emperor depend largely upon the position taken by the British and other Westerners in India towards the doings of last year in the Punjab. If it is thought here that all Westerners openly or tacitly approved of the methods employed in this province, then the establishment of cordial relations will be out of the question. Again, it is thought that the Anglo-Indian press is an expression of the attitude of all non-Indians, friendship is out of the question.

It is our duty to show that this is not so—that as the "Times of India" indicated, there are many who neither did nor do approve of the line taken in the Punjab—some even who felt very bitterly about it.

This is neither disloyalty to India nor to the Empire, for those who build for mutual understanding and appreciation upon the part of the East and West are convinced that my country, right or wrong, is an axiom which can only beget distrust and disgust. If there is to be real friendship there must be a real clearing of the atmosphere first, and no attempt to gloss over errors and wrongs by either face. There must be frankness with as little bitterness as possible; there must be a larger human element in our relations with each other and less confidence in the value of specious words and post facto explanations. Unless we can come to understand, appreciate and respect each other, the days of the British Indian connection are numbered and no one who thinks can doubt that at this juncture the severance would be an appalling misfortune.

This being my conception of the factors involved, if England and India are to be of use to each other, I have thought it proper to publish the following letter written at the time of the martial law regime, but before any news of the doings at Amritsar (beyond the vaguest rumours) had reached me.

My object in publishing it is to show that not only now after the publication of the Hunter Report, but from the beginning there has been non-Indian criticism of the methods employed in the Punjab.

(I omit the first paragraphs as they deal with matters which are not of public interest.)

THE LETTER.

"Sir Michael Francis O'Dwyer,

G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I.,

Lieut.-Governor, The Punjab, Lahore.

Your Honour."

"I am writing partly as a result of the present attitude of the Anglo-Indian press and partly because of certain notifications connected with the administration of martial law—namely Order No. 30 which appeared in yesterday's paper.

Is it really intended to carry out the threat contained in that order? If defaced papers and pictures are found in some institutions, on account of the irresponsible action of a student or (which is equally possible) on account of their secretion there by some respectable member of the police force or other persons evilly disposed to it, will owners, professors and students be held alike responsible? If so, permit me to say with the deepest respect, that instead of such an action adding to the prestige of the Sarkar, it will greatly impair it and much, increase the already bitter resentment that is at present smouldering in the hearts of most self-respecting Indians.

Col. Johnston, sir, may know a great deal about dealing with the primitive tribes of Bechnanland but that does not demonstrate that his methods will solve the problem here.

"When rebellion breaks out" I quite understand that it must be dealt with firmly, that rebels must be imprisoned and, on occasion shot, but I cannot feel that this harassing of the educated classes, this dealing of blow after blow to their self-respect will result in anything but evil. After all, these students will in a few years be leaders of opinion among their countrymen in the province. People call them a "microscopic minority," but when their influence is considered the educated class is anything but that. Nor are they, as your Honour knows, a class by themselves, but come from every town and village in the Punjab. In the coming years their potential influence for good or evil will be enormous, and any method which in seeking to solve the present difficulty, sows the seed for future hatred certainly cannot be considered satisfactory. They may be marched back and forth to report, made responsible for such action as that designated in Order 30, their clothes taken from them and leave to their homes refused, but the result will be that those who might have become friends will be secret enemies. They are being made to suffer in common and they will consider that it is for the Motherland, the Sarkar being the oppressor. Psychologically, I cannot conceive of a greater mistake. Pardon my plainness.

"With very few exceptions (if any) educated Indians—even the best of them—are feeling very bitter on these points. Those who

*Of course at the time when this was written we knew very little of what actually had happened.

have always been moderates are finding it very hard to remain so. It will not add to the strength of the administration if it permanently alienates the sympathies and good wishes of this class. When all is said and done, the problem will not be solved merely by putting down the present disorder. Time has changed and the masses will—and do—take the attitude of their leaders. Unfortunately they are apt to take that of the most extreme as the present trouble clearly indicates.

"I have, sir, for years been in sympathy with the aspirations of the moderate nationalists, and have always had great hopes that this party would be built up by sympathy, and would solve the problem of co-operation between Englishmen and Indians. But now I greatly fear that between the efforts of the Anglo-Indian press and such ill-advised methods as some of those at present in vogue with the administrators of martial law in Lahore, only a few of the sanest and more elderly men will be left to sit.

"The present methods will produce a reaction, and extremism will be not the less dangerous if it is repressed, and in consequence concealed. Every day is increasing it—whatever others may say to the contrary.

"No doubt the men deserved it who have been flogged, but it is considered by all Indians as a sign of the contempt of a race in power for the race they rule, and when the Anglo-Indian press announces it exultingly with comments upon the success of like treatment in dealing with the savages of Bechnanland, the self-respect of all thinking India is deeply wounded. It may help at this juncture to repress disorder, but underneath the surface the feeling everywhere is one of deep resentment and shame. The good it may accomplish at the moment is in no proportion to the harm it will do in the end.

"In conclusion, I would venture to call your attention to the effusions of the Anglo-Indian press in Lahore and Allahabad. Such papers as the "C. & M. G.," the "Pioneer," and the "Englishman" of Calcutta are doing far more harm to the relations between Englishmen and Indians than the wild nonsense which has been perpetrated by some of the extremist sheets. These papers do not hesitate to accuse the Indian Government of "political jobbery" and shriek and threaten if any of its actions do not appeal to them, seemingly oblivious of the difficult problems with which every Government is faced today (as for instance, the howl raised about the return of Germans from China and the granting of a certificate to Indian politicians) and now when every effort should be made to induce a spirit of moderation, they openly insult Indians by exultingly alluding to the successful administration of "dozes of Dyer's mixture" and hint at the propriety of not proceeding with the Reforms question.

"Surely this is not the way to prepare for the future. Why are such things permitted? It can do no good, it will do all harm. Indians will not be coerced into good-will toward the Sarkar. Instead of ridding the country of sedition, the things I have referred to are ridding the English of many friends, actual and potential.

"I do not plead for a weak policy; order must be established and maintained by every necessary means. But surely the psychological aspect—the reaction of the methods in use upon the Indian temperament in relation to present political aspirations—should be more carefully taken into account.

"I am sure that the most certain method of changing the present attitude (or rather the paset, for it is fast going) of the leaders of Indian thought into one of hatred and hidden and bitter resentment, is to humiliate Indians in their own eyes.

"Pardon me this letter, but I could not keep silent. If I should write to the "C. & M. G." or the "Pioneer" I fear they would not publish my letter, their correspondence columns being too full of tirades against Indians and complaints about pay and passages, to give place for a plea with which they would have such little sympathy. If I sent it to an Indian paper it would merely add to the present complications and not fulfil my object which was to bring the matter to you.

"I hope that you will find the proper method for so guiding the activities of the agencies in question that they may do the least harm.

I beg to remain, Sir,

"Your Honour's most obedient and humble servant."

S. E. STOKES.

Kotgarh, Dist. Simla, May 3, 1919.

In pursuance of the idea expressed in the last line of the above letter, I have hitherto published this letter, and until recently did not contemplate doing so. However, I have now come to the conclusion that the best service we can render India and the Empire is by showing that from the very first there has not been a unanimity of ascent among Westerners in India as to the methods employed in the Punjab last year.

I received a very courteous reply from the L.G. through his secretary, but it was one which showed that our view-point differed widely.

S. E. STOKES.

Kotgarh, June 10, 1920.

WHITEWASHING DOCUMENT.

Mr. Patel writes the following letter to "The Nation":—

Sir,—The long-delayed Report of the Hunter Committee is at last out. It is a whitewashing document. There was never any expectation in India that this report would be of a satisfactory character from the Indian point of view. The Committee, in the first place, was appointed by the Government of India, and consequently had no mandate to inquire into the responsibility of that Government, which is clearly one of the chief matters to be investigated. Its constitution,

HOW TO HEAL THE WOUNDS.

AN APPEAL TO BRITISH DEMOCRACY.

MR. PATEL ON THE "AMAZING DOCUMENT."

secondly, was unsatisfactory. Instead of an evenly balanced constitution, we have five European members, as against only three Indians, and two of the former represented a civil and military authorities, who are interested parties. Thirdly, the Committee card only the official evidence, and excluded by an arbitrary ruling, the mass of non-official testimony that would otherwise have been proffered. And, fourthly, the European members, from the Chairman downwards, created a strong suspicion of bias by the manner in which they tolerated the studied evidence of the military witnesses towards their Indian colleagues. Indians, therefore, have anticipated all along that the Majority Report would fall far short of doing justice to the terrible indictment that even the official evidence constitutes.

It is true that the Majority Report expresses some censure of General Dyer and mildly criticizes some of the excesses committed by other officers. But the censure of General Dyer is wholly inadequate. His own evidence, and the finding of the Majority, indicates as they appear to be on his side. It shows him to have been legally guilty of murder. The Report, however, describes it as a "grave error," and this is the most severe condemnation that they pronounce on anybody or anything.

No words of mine could describe the gravity of the situation in India at this moment, so intensely moved have the people been by the events in the Punjab last year. What will be the result, if adequate justice is not meted out to those responsible for these crimes, I dare not contemplate. The official evidence taken by the Hunter Committee is sufficiently startling. But those who have read the Congress Report dealing, in addition, with a mass of tested non-official evidence, know that the Hunter Report tells only half the story. The other half contains disclosures of such an appalling character that they cannot be ignored. If the British people ignore them, the infamy of them can be kept from the other peoples of the world and will never be forgotten in India.

Not the least grave feature of the Report is its failure to recognize the responsibility of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, as well as of the Government of India, for all that took place. Sir Michael O'Dwyer, as head of the province, exercised a long career of oppression and handing over large areas of his province to the mercy of a gang of militarists, himself aiding, abetting, and even instigating them in their work. He expressly approved of Dyer's massacre, he ordered out the aeroplanes which indiscriminately bombed unarmed crowds and peaceful villagers in their fields; he authorized the sending out of the armoured trains to turn its machine-guns indiscriminately on inhabitants of villages who there is no evidence to show were doing any wrong. He directed, conferred with and assisted throughout the Johnsons, O'Briens, Dovetons, and Bosworth Smiths. And, above all, was the Government of India turning a deaf ear to all the appeals that came from the people, and eagerly putting in the hands of Sir Michael and his coadjutors the literary, medieval powers by which they were enabled to carry on their cruelty.

Do the British people value the affection India and desire to keep her in the Empire? his is not an idle question. If the answer in the affirmative, as I believe it will be, justice must be rendered in full and Indian sentiment pacified as far as it can humanly be.

Lord Chelmsford, by whose weakness and folly all this was possible, must be recalled. O'Dwyer, as head of the province, must be recalled. The Rowlatt Act must be repealed. Reparation must be made to the sufferers, and the Indian people must be protected for the future by a statutory guarantee of their rights, and the abolition of the powers, now in the hands of the Viceroy, of passing ordinances making people amenable to martial courts for offences, if such they are, of a civil character committed long before the outbreak of disorder.—Yours, etc.,

V. J. PATEL,

Secretary, Indian National Congress; Member of Supreme Legislative Council. 161-163, Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C. 4.

(Mr. Patel's letter was necessarily written in ignorance of Mr. Montagu's unparliamentary condemnation of General Dyer, his dismissal of that officer, and his censure of the spirit of injustice and inhumanity attending the administration of martial law in the Punjab.—Editor, "The Nation.")

RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVT. OF INDIA.

Mr. Patel writes to "The Pall Mall Gazette":—

Sir,—The Majority Report of the Hunter Committee will cause a most painful impression in India, where it will be regarded as an elaborate attempt to minimise the gravity of the excesses which took place under martial law, to whitewash the civil authorities, and to let the military down as lightly as possible. Indians never had any confidence in the Hunter Committee, and from the first protested against its composition and terms of reference. The responsibility of the Government of India in this matter is of the first importance and should have been the subject of investigation. The Hunter Committee being appointed by the Government of India itself, of course had no mandate to do this. Its constitution was thoroughly unsatisfactory from the Indian point of view, consisting as it did, of five Europeans as against only three Indian members. It heard only the official evidence, and shut out non-official testimony by an arbitrary and unfair ruling, and the European members showed bias by their attitude of the insolent behaviour of the military witnesses towards their Indian colleagues.

The result is a Majority Report signed only by the European members of the Committee, which has nothing more severe to say of General Dyer's terrible crime than that he committed a grave error, and has only a censure for such things as the crawling order while indiscriminate bombing and machine-gunning of unarmed crowds is actually approved and commended.

Feeling in India about these things and the infinitely worse horrors disclosed in the report of the Congress Committee of Inquiry is already more deep and bitter than I can describe. If the Hunter Report is to be the last word about it in this country, the British people may say goodbye to all hope of India remaining a contented partner in the British Empire.

That the report should have no condemnation for Sir Michael O'Dwyer is amazing. Sir Michael O'Dwyer, aided, abetted, and encouraged by Lord Chelmsford, was responsible for all the horrors and excesses, only partially disclosed in the official evidence. He approved of General Dyer's massacre; he ordered out the aeroplanes and the armoured train; and all the time he was on the spot, conferring with, directing and assisting the people who inflicted the six weeks' terror on the loyal population of the Punjab.

If the British people value the loyalty and affection of India, they must, rouse themselves to take steps to heal, as far as humanly possible, the wounds that have been inflicted upon the Indian people. Lord Chelmsford must be recalled; Sir Michael O'Dwyer, General Dyer, and the others responsible for these cruel excesses must be punished. The Rowlatt Act must be repealed; reparation must be made to the sufferers; the rights of Indians as free British subjects must be guaranteed by statute and the powers of the Viceroy to set up martial courts for the trial of civil offences, especially when committed on before the outbreak of disorders, must be abolished.—Yours, etc.,

V. J. PATEL.

General Secretary, Indian National Congress, and member of the Supreme Legislative Council, India.

AMRITSAR MASSACRE.

The Representative of "The Westminster Gazette" writes thus:—

In view of the impending publication of the report of the Hunter Committee, I went to see the Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel, the secretary of the Indian National Congress and a member of the Legislative Council in India, in order to ascertain his opinion of the report and of the subject matter of the controversy. He declared the report of the Hunter Committee to be thoroughly unsatisfactory, because its inquiry was necessarily prejudiced and unnecessarily incomplete. "It was," he said, "appointed by the very Government whose conduct it was called upon to investigate. It could therefore scarcely find the Government had made a blunder in declaring martial law. Thus the majority find martial law justified, and the minority find it unjustified. The latter find that there was no open rebellion, the former are logically compelled to declare that there was. In all cases martial law was declared after the disturbances had come to an end and peace had been restored. It was, moreover, made retrospective, so that people could be punished for offences against it committed when it was not in being and when they were not offences at all."

HUNTER INQUIRY & CONGRESS.

The National Congress, Mr. Patel explained, examined 1,700 unofficial witnesses, and also took into consideration the evidence given to the Hunter Committee. That body heard only official evidence. The National Congress offered to supply independent evidence if three leaders were released, in order

that they might instruct counsel properly. This offer the Hunter Committee refused. After the Royal amnesty was declared and the said leaders released, the National Congress again offered to supply evidence, but the Hunter Committee refused to hear it. Mr. Patel therefore urged that only two courses are open to the Government. One is to accept the report of the Indian National Congress. The other is to inaugurate another independent inquiry by a Royal Commission, which will hear the essential witnesses to be facts and will also be completely independent of the Government of India.

GENERAL DYER.

Mr. Patel spoke very strongly on the subject of the Amritsar massacre itself. "If the act," he said, "is to pass with only the mild criticism of General Dyer expressed by the Hunter Report, and if he is merely relieved of his command there will be no guarantee of the safety of the Indian people in the future. According to the Majority report itself General Dyer ought to have been given due warning before he fired, but the ignorances fail to realise the gravity of their own findings. Moreover, they think it improbable that the crowd would have dispersed this warning had been given. General Dyer himself, in his evidence, expressed a contrary opinion.

"It will come as a shock to the Indian people that the Committee fail to fix responsibility on Sir Michael O'Dwyer, who, in the opinion of Indians, was fully responsible for all that occurred. His oppressive methods of government in the Punjab, including those used for recruiting and for raising War Loans, his hostility to those who urged reform and carried on a constitutional agitation for that purpose, his determination to put down constitutional agitation by means of the Rowlatt Act, largely contributed to the subsequent deplorable events. He was responsible for placing authority in the hands of the military before martial law was declared, for the proclamation of martial law itself after the disturbances had ceased, and also for making it retrospective. He was also responsible for the indiscriminate use of bombs and armoured trains, and for the steps taken to prevent news leaking out of the province. He expressly approved the massacre of the innocents by General Dyer."

INDIA'S DEMANDS.

I asked Mr. Patel what action on the part of the British Government was, in his opinion, needed to meet the case, and he put forward the following points. The Viceroy, he said, should be recalled. General Dyer and Sir Michael O'Dwyer should be tried and punished. This demand, it is worthy of note, is not pressed in the report of the Sub-Committee of the Indian National Congress. It is waived in the best interests of India, but it is urged that they should be relieved of any office of responsibility under the Crown. Mr. Patel further demanded the repeal of the Rowlatt Act, and statutory guarantee of the rights of Indians as free citizens of the British Empire, the restriction of the power of the Viceroy to make Martial Law retrospective, or to reate offences under it which would not be punishable by Martial Law in this country, the prohibition of the use of aeroplanes, bombs and armoured cars against unarmed civilians; and full reparation for the innocent people who have suffered during this unhappy episode.—"The Westminster Gazette."

REMOVAL OF DYER "QUITE INADEQUATE."

That the report of the Hunter Committee and the findings of the Indian Government upon it will cause resentment, if not surprise, is the opinion of Mr. V. J. Patel, member of the Supreme Legislative Council of India and General Secretary of the Indian National Congress, who is now in England on a deputation from the All-India Congress Committee. In an interview with our London representative last evening Mr. Patel declared that ever since Lord Chelmsford went to India as the Viceroy, the Government of India had been hopelessly out of touch with the people, and had pursued a policy of defiance of public opinion and of animosity towards their sentiments and aspirations.

Now came the report of the Hunter Committee, Mr. Patel added, the majority of members of which had failed to pronounce an adequate censure on General Dyer's horrible act of shooting down 2,000 unarmed people peacefully assembled at an open meeting. Mr. Patel contended that the finding of the Committee that warning should have been given to the people to disperse and the fact that warning was not given showed General Dyer to have been guilty of a grave crime, and the mild censure of the Committee and the mere removal of General Dyer from command were quite inadequate.

"ONLY HALF THE STORY."

"The Majority Report is vitiated by the fact that, firstly, the Hunter Committee was appointed by the Government of India, which was an interested party and whose own responsibility was a matter for investigation; secondly, it heard only official evidence; thirdly, the Majority Report is signed only by the five European members, two of whom represented the civil government and the military authorities respectively, whose conduct was in question. The three Indian members are unanimous in findings of a far stronger character. But even they cannot be said to represent fully the feelings of the Indian people. They were carefully selected by the Government of India as men friendly to the Government, who would not be likely to go very far in condemnation of the Government and the officials. But the evidence

HUNTER WHITEWASH

STRONG FEELING IN PUNJAB.

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

AMRITSAR, June 18.

It goes without saying that feeling in the Punjab over the thinly covered whitewash of the Hunter Report is as emphatic as it is unanimous. The inter-views with leading public workers of Lahore and Amritsar published in your columns have made it abundantly clear that one feeling runs throughout the Province, the same tone of keen and unrelieved disappointment runs through the utterances of all Punjabees worth the name, and pervades their opinions. It is obvious that the Punjab which was the principal sufferer from the actions of the bureaucracy during the dark and never to be forgotten days of the spring of last year holds one and one opinion, that justice has not been done, that righteousness has not been vindicated, that miscreants and criminals who abused the trust reposed in them by their King and country and terrorised lawabiding and inoffensive populations for no earthly reason but that they were the countrymen of the few men who in a fit of madness goaded by the sight of bloodshed, by the firing of the military lost all control over their actions and did acts which had neither the consent nor the approval of the people at large. The reports which are now public property cannot fail to bring home to all dispassionate readers of any creed or nationality with an iota of humanity, in them that things were done and scenes enacted which no human being can view but with horror and shame. And yet he it said to the discredit of the Majority of the Commissioners that no attempt has been spared, no stone left unturned to condone these deeds and to minimise their brutality. Humanity can only stand against and wonder at the spectacle of the authors of the Jallianwala massacre of innocent men, women and children escaping with a mere transfer from the scene of the carnage to continue to pride on their deeds. These deeds will not be condoned at the bar of history and will be characterised in language befitting dastardly and despicable character. The afflicted people survived even the worst terrors of the worst regime the Punjab had ever seen since the annexation, but will it redound to England's glory that the wrong doers who merited the contempt and execration of the British people, whose names they disgraced, whose traditions they sullied equally with those of the people whom they were appointed to serve, whose welfare and prosperity they were paid to promote and whose salt they had eaten so long? This is a consideration, however, for the British people themselves. If they think, rightly or wrongly, it does not matter in the least that the interests of England and the British Empire have been served, and served rightly, by O'Dwyer and Dyer and others of their ilk, it concerns them and them alone. They stand at the bar of history and the verdict will stand for all time to come. If judgment goes against them owing to their lack of appreciation of the grievous wrongs inflicted on the British subjects, or what would be still worse their unsympathies of the Indian people, they will have to thank themselves for the same. The British people must realise at this critical juncture that their honour and glory, are at stake. If they stand by the wrong-doers merely because they are their kith and kin, they will find their name tarnished for all time to come through their own failure to rise to the

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ven of officials, was so terrible that they are bound to express strong censure. "What will surprise and shock the Indian mind very greatly," said Mr. Patel, "is that Sir Michael O'Dwyer's obvious guilt and responsibility for all the horrors and excesses is ignored. It seems as though the civil authorities had decided to save their own skins by making a scapegoat of General Dyer. 'The matter cannot rest where it is. If it does the Indian people will lose all faith and the situation will be more grave. The Congress and meetings all over the country have demanded:—

The recall of the Viceroy.

The trial and punishment of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and General Dyer and others guilty.

The repeal of the Rowlatt Act, the cause and origin of all this trouble.

Full reparation for the innocent sufferers.

Statutory guarantee of the liberties and rights of Indians as free British citizens.

Restriction of the power of the Viceroy to issue ordinances giving martial law retrospective effect, and limiting the jurisdiction of martial law courts to such offences as could be legally tried under martial law in this country.

Prohibition of the use of armoured cars and aeroplanes against civilian unarmed crowds.

—"The Birmingham Daily Post."

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height of the occasion. If on the other hand, they desire that a dark cloud shall not rest over Britain's name which it will not be easy to uplift when the opportunity has passed away, the miscreants who have wrought deeds which smack of vengeance and tyranny must not stalk over England's soil with their head erect but must be made an example of, to deter others of the same hue. That is a matter for England's choice, not India's concern, and it is not for the latter to point to the former the path which her own sense of humanity and righteousness should dictate.

INDIA'S DUTY.

Whatever England might or might not do, India's duty is clear. All sons and daughters of the Motherland owe it to themselves, their sense of self-respect and honour, and to the eternal glory of their ancient mother that they shall not rest content until England is prepared to do justice by India and punish and punish adequately those who betrayed their trust and India suffer for no more sin than that they were Indians, who introduced and practised invidious distinctions for no more reason than to make the sons of the evil know their place and to realise the helplessness of their position. Our duty is clear and explicit and knows no extension or ground for departure, and Indians must be prepared to bid farewell to all prospects of progress and advance if they are so dead to sit unmoved and inactive and let things slide as they will. Constitutional action must be taken and taken to the utmost limit open, leaving the results in higher hands. It is not for mortals, to command success, but duty must be done and done without faltering or hesitation. Violence must be eschewed under any circumstances but none but a poltroon would accept the Hunter Report and the despatches as the last word on the subject, or sit under their weight of affliction accepting them as a blot from the blue.

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE INVITED.

The Amritsar Congress Committee has not been idle in the matter. The matter was carefully considered by the executive committee at a recent meeting. It was resolved that the committee fully endorsed the action taken in the matter by the All-India Congress Committee as also the decision of the body to convene a special session of the Indian National Congress. While supporting the action of that committee, it was felt that the holding of a special session of the Punjab Provincial Conference was an absolute necessity, firstly for the reason that the subject of the Hunter Committee principally affected the Punjab, and the Punjab had a pressing duty in the matter, and secondly, the expression of considered opinion at a special conference would strengthen the hands of the Punjab delegates at the special Congress which will thus fully voice and focus the Punjab opinion. It was realized that the holding of the special Congress session at a distant centre like Calcutta or Jubbulpore was not entirely free from disadvantages so far as such an important question as the Hunter Report is concerned, and any such disadvantages would be amply made up for by holding a special session of the Punjab Conference about the end of July a good time before the special session of the Congress comes on. The Committee at the same time decided that Amritsar must once more come forward to extend the invitations in view of the preponderating share it had in the sufferings and troubles of the reign of terror of last year. A telegram was immediately despatched to the Provincial Congress Committee at Lahore extending the invitation, and that committee was to meet on the 15th instant to consider the invitation and to decide about the same. By the time you receive this, the decision as to the holding of the session and the time and place for the same will have become known. In any case the call for a special session is pressing, and the Punjab should lose no time in doing its duty.

LATER.

The Punjab Congress Committee has decided to hold a special session of the Provincial Conference at Lahore at the end of July.

MR. HORNIMAN'S BOOK.

"The Nation" writes:—Before many more days have gone by the public should be in possession of the report of the Hunter Committee, appointed by the Government of India to investigate the Punjab troubles and especially the administration of martial law which followed the disturbances of April, 1919. That report cannot be complete, for nothing but official evidence was taken, and the part that was heard in camera is not at present to be published. In the meantime it is good to have, from a witness closely concerned in the terrible affair, a straightforward record of a series of events which will stand in Imperial history as no less significant epoch-making than the great Mutiny itself. Mr. B. G. Horniman is an English journalist who had been over a dozen years in India when, immediately after the Punjab catastrophe, his career as editor of the "Bombay Chronicle" was forcibly ended by the Government of India. He writes,

KARNANI BANK.

ALLEGED COTTON GAMBLERS ATTACK CLERKS.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, June 21.

Last evening some excitement was caused in the premises of the Karnani Bank by a gang of alleged Marwari cotton gamblers attacking some of the bank's clerks who, it is reported, had opened the bank to clear up some urgent work. It is said that the alleged cotton gamblers, over half a dozen in number, on seeing the bank open got inside and asked for some money. The assistants refused to pay as the bank was not open to the public. Upon this the gang are reported to have abused the staff and when asked to leave the place, they attacked the clerks with sticks. The subsequent struggle resulted in injuries to both parties and some of them were removed to the Medical Hospital.

REVERSE COUNCILS.

LOWERING THE RESERVE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE." Sir,—The present Reverse Councils policy of the Government is so absurd that it is compelling them to resort to ridiculous measures to save themselves from being exposed. They now advertise that the rate of commission on British money orders is to be hereafter 12 per cent. per every 5 sh. Now 5 shillings means only 40 annas at the two shilling rate so that it amounts to charging 12 annas to any one wanting to make a remittance of only 40 annas, or a commission of 30 per cent. Did any one ever hear the like? Do the authorities add to their dignity in the eyes of the public by such ridiculous steps? If they do not wish to allow the public to remit at their Reverse Councils rate let them at least say so frankly and stop the issue of all money orders. Or let them say they will not issue money orders except at the official rate of the Exchange Banks. What they now do is so palpably absurd that it tends to seriously lower the prestige of the Government in the eyes of the commercial community.—Yours, etc. B. B. MADON.

Bombay, June 19.

BRUTAL MURDER OF BENGALI POKDAR.

RS. 20,000 IN CASH AND JEWELLERY STOLEN.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, June 20.

The Alipore Detective Department are enquiring into a case of a robbery and murder committed on Thursday night near Dum Dum Cantonment, the victim being a Bengali Pokdar named Benode Behari Das. It appears that the deceased closed his shop at about 9 p.m. and was crossing the field on his way to Garui, when he was attacked and stabbed to death. Five gold rings and six gold "churis" (bangles), which the man had seen apparently carrying with him, were found near the dead body. Keys of his shop, safe, and drawers which he used to take home after work were missing. Cash and jewellery valued at Rs. 20,000 are reported to have been stolen.

DECEMBER SESSION OF CONGRESS.

NO CHANGE OF VENUE FROM NAGPORE TO JUBBULPORE.

(Associated Press.)

NAGPUR, June 21.

At a meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee held yesterday the town hall consider the resolution adopted at the C. P. and Berar Provincial Conference held at Saugor requesting the Provincial Congress Committee to recommend to the All-India Congress Committee to change the venue of the December session of the Congress from Nagpur to Jubbulpore. It was finally decided by an overwhelming majority not to recommend the change of venue from Nagpur to Jubbulpore.

BREAK OF MONSOON AT NAGPUR.

(Associated Press.)

NAGPUR, June 21.

After trying heat, it rained on Saturday and Sunday last and regular monsoon appears to have broken out.

nevertheless, without heat, summarizing the general conditions, expounding the Rowlett Bills and the agitation they provoked, and setting out the story in its hideous actuality from the testimony, not of Indians, but of General Dyer and the other exponents of the "horrible duty" of slaughter and torture. The book makes a valuable introduction to the official narrative and findings.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 20.
S S Himalaya, Orlon, Southampton.
S S Barala, Coleborn, Bureh.
S S Morvada, Mils, Karachi.
S S Homayun, Hannah, Jeddah.
June 21.
S S Kalyan, Fanch, London.
S S Chakdara, Abbott, Bureh.
The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
S S Circaasia, Osborn, Liverpool.
S S Nirvana, Learmont, Karachi.
S S Barjora, Hobday, Karachi.
S S Barala, Coleborn, Karachi.
The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Ororo for Tuticorin.
Steamer Homayun for Jeddah.
S S Kalyan:—The B I S N Co's English mail steamer Kalyan, 5615 tons, Captain S French, arrived in harbour yesterday from London, with the outward mails of the 4th instant, a general cargo and passengers.
S S Chakdara:—The B I S N Co's steamer Chakdara, 1561 tons, Captain A Abbott, arrived in harbour yesterday from Bureh, with a general cargo.
S S Circaasia:—The Anchor Line steamer Circaasia, 4326 tons, Captain C F Osborne, for Liverpool, with a general cargo and passengers, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour.
S S Nirvana:—The B I S N Co's steamer Nirvana, 3768 tons, Captain H P Learmont, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour for Karachi, with a general cargo.
S S Barjora:—The B I S N Co's steamer Barjora, 1905 tons, Captain H Hobday, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour for Karachi, with a general cargo.
S S Barala:—The B I S N Co's steamer Barala, 1899 tons, Captain E Coleborn, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour for Karachi, with a general cargo.

VESSELS IN THE BOMBAY DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.
A Nuran, Jeddah, 22-6, T.M. & Co.
B Dorrington, Middlebrough, 22-6, Graham & Co.
C/O Olympia, Liverpool, 22-6, Graham & Co.
D/B Bankura, Karachi, 24-6, M.M. & Co.
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INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS.

REVISED RATES OF PENSION.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, June 18.

The sanction of the Secretary of State to the revised rates of pension for officers of the Indian Army has now been received and orders on the subject are under issue. The following are the details. Retired pay or pension for officers of the Indian Army will in the future be based upon the principles laid down in Army Order No. 324 of 1919 with the addition of 3 elements:—

(a) Service element: a pension of £150 a year after 15 years' service with an increment of £15 a year for each completed year over 15 years. No retiring pension will be admissible to an officer of the Indian Army until he has completed 18 years service.

(b) Rank element:

Rank from which retired.	Pension due after 1 year's completed service in the rank.	For each additional year.	Maximum amount of pension.
Major	£120	£12	£132 (Six)
Lt.-Col.	150	30	240
Col.	200	30	330
Major General	400	50	540
Lt. General	500	50	690
General	700	50	740 (Six)

The retired pay of an officer retiring with less than one complete year's service in the rank from which he retired will be assessed as though he had retired from the rank below.

INDIAN ELEMENT.

(c) Indian element:—A pension of £50 a year on the completion of 18 years service. This will be increased by £12/10/6 per annum for each year of service up to the end of the 24th year and then by £15 a year to the 29th year, the maximum being £200 for this element. The maximum rate of retired pay for Lieut.-Cols. will be £300 a year, for Cols. in the Indian element will be £1,000. The minimum pension will be £800 and the maximum pension £900 a year. As regards general officers there will be no Indian element, but they are to have a minimum pension equal to the maximum of the next below rank and will be eligible on promotion to each rank for the full service element required for maximum pension in that rank. The maximum pension of general officers of the Indian Army will be the same as in the British service. These maximum rates are as follows:—Major General £1,000 a year, Lieut. General £1,200 a year, General £1,400 a year. Unemployed service will not count as service for pension.

After the issue of the formal orders promulgating the revised rates of pension, temporary rank held in the great war followed by a substantive promotion to that rank will count as service in the rank towards retired pay. If an officer receives a substantive promotion to a lower rank, it will count as service on that rank. Service in the temporary rank of Brigadier General or higher rank will count as service in the rank of a substantive colonel or a lower substantive rank held by the officer on retirement. An additional pension of £200 or £100 will be given to military officers who have held high civil appointments according to the class of appointments. The classification of appointments of this nature tenable by military officers is now under the consideration of Government.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

RATES OF PENSION.

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SIMLA, June 18.

The following rates of pension for the Indian Medical Service have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State:—

After 17 years service £400, after 18 years' service £430, after 19 years' service £460, after 20 years' service £500, after 21 years' service £540, after 22 years' service £580, after 23 years' service £620, after 24 years' service £660, after 25 years' service £700, after 26 years' service £750, after 27 years' service £800. £800 is thus the maximum pension for a Lieut. Colonel of the Indian Medical Service. In addition to the above the extra pension now allowed for administrative service will be admissible. The revised rates will be applicable to those who retired on or after the 1st April 1919.

RIOT AT EDAVENNA.

THREE MOPLAHS KILLED.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CALICUT, June 19.

Information has just been received here of a serious riot between two factions of Moplahs of Edavenna, Ernad. Three Moplahs are reported to have been murdered on the spot, while several others sustained serious injuries. The cause of the riot has yet to be known. The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Malappuram, and the Sub-Magistrate of Manjeri have proceeded to the spot with some policemen to investigate into the matter.

It is understood that some administrative changes are now in contemplation in the French Settlement of Mahe, Malabar, and that His Excellency M. Sherbini, the Governor of French India will arrive there tomorrow in connection with the same.

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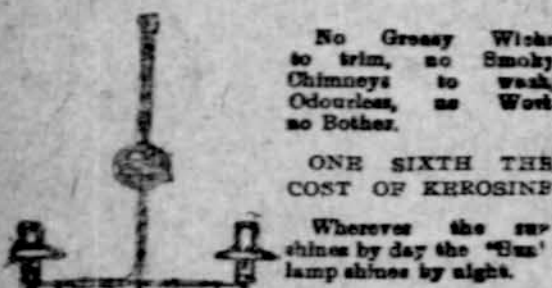
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